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Foreword by the Branch Adviser and Colonel Commandant

The other day someone asked the Colonel Commandant, "What's with you LEMEs? You change your name. You get a new badge. Are you never satisfied? Why are you always changing?" These were obvious questions from one who did not appreciate our background. It was not that we wanted something new, rather it was simply that we have now gotten back what had been taken from us - "Not a penny more, not a penny less".

The rebadging ceremonies this spring reflect this view. You can read about them elsewhere in this issue. They have unleashed a torrent of Branch "esprit de corps". The simple act of putting on the "horse forcene" badge has reconnected us with our origins, reforged our perspective and pride in our Branch and rejuvenated our motivation to meet the challenges of the future and to serve our country.

The formation of RCEME in 1944 came as Canadians in England prepared for D-Day while others in Italy broke through the Gustav Line as the Germans ordered the abandonment of Cassino. RCEME was born in the crucible of war. Her Craftsmen successfully provided combat service support, often with the leading fighting elements. It was the proof that a separate engineering corps could best provide the intense level of support needed by the increasingly mechanized army. By war's end Canada's Craftsmen were proud of their corps and their contribution to victory. Their badge, the "first RCEME" badge, symbolized this pride.

This same pride continued in Korea. By then Canada's Craftsmen proudly wore their "horse forcene" badge which had made them part of the EME family throughout the Commonwealth. "RCEME at rest, recreation or to the rescue" became a rallying cry at home, in NATO, the Gaza strip, Cyprus and a dozen other places around the world.

You could feel that same spirit throughout the spring of 1991. It was not a feeling of only getting something new, rather it was a feeling of relief that we had gotten it all back. After a steady campaign of twenty-odd years we had regained our name and our badge.

That campaign began sometime in 1968 when, as part of "Unification", many of the elements of the former three services were reorganized and formed into new Branches. One day we suddenly realized that we were no longer RCEME but were LORE. However, we still had our same badge. So the shock was softened a bit. It was a time of tremendous upheaval and change in the Canadian Forces as "Unification" gradually and relentlessly took over.

Then in 1974 came the rebadging to the "wankel" badge. A couple of years later, a Senior NCO at the École technique des Forces canadiennes, asked why we had given up our "horse forcene" badge; to him he had lost a link with his history and a link with the Commonwealth EME family.

By 1984, we had the EME portion of our name back. By 1990 we had the new badge approved and within a few months it had been produced. It is important to note that all of this was achieved by many Craftsmen and Craftswomen working as a team. It reflects our pride in our Branch.

Recently, a former Craftsman visited Italy as the RCEME representative on the 1991 DVA commemorative trip to the battlefields there. At the time when RCEME was formed in 1944, he a was member of one of the Advanced Workshop Detachments that accompanied and supported the forward troops during the Battle for Rome. For this Craftsman, and many others like him, 1991 will be remembered as a very special year; we are rejoined with our history. The horse is back to stay.

Arte et Marte

Congratulations from REME

Greetings from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers on the occasion of your rebadging ceremony on 9 May 91. We are delighted that once again LEME can be clearly identified alongside REME and other corps in the commonwealth. Many congratulations on gaining approval for your splendid new badge. I am impressed that the design ingeniously incorporates the maple leaves with the inscription "GEM". Best Wishes.

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DGLEM/LETE Rebadging 9 May 1991

The badge is consecrated by the Col Comdt, Deacon William Svab representing the Roman Catholic denomination, and by Padre Don Chisholm, representing all the Protestant denominations. The badge bearer is WO D.A. Elve. The Reviewing Officer BGen R.N. Fischer, DGLEM, looks on.

The colour party and badge bearer are: (left to right) WO D.E. Breen, WO D.A. Elve and Sgt W.J. Knight.

BGen R.N. Fischer rebadges the youngest member on parade, Cfn D. Twigg, the first official Craftsman rebadged in the Branch.

BGen R.N. Fischer rebadges Col A.L. McEachern, DSVEM, who was the longest serving Col at the ceremony.

Branch CWO J.E.Y.R. Roy is rebadged by BGen R.N. Fischer.

Each command was represented on parade. CWO J.A.L. McNicholl, representing FMC, is rebadged by BGen R.N. Fischer.

BGen R.N. Fischer rebadges Lt. N. Breely of LETE.

Sgt. G. Lavallee, LETE, is rebadged by BGen J.I. Hanson, former Director General Land Engineering and Maintenance.

The Col Comdt, Col W.G. Svab, rebadges Capt J.T. Corcoran, from DGLEM.

The parade rebadges while the Parade RSM, CWO J.E.Y.R. Roy, looks on.

The Reviewing Officer, BGen R.N. Fischer accepts the General Salute.

Guests of Honour included BGen J.I. Hanson...

the Col Comdt, Col W.G. Svab...

MGen (Retd) E.B. Creber...

BGen (Retd) A. Mendelsohn...

BGen (Retd) J.G.R. Doucet.

BGen R.N. Fischer addresses the parade.

BGen R.N. Fischer presents BGen J.I. Hanson with a commemorative set of hat badge and collar dogs.

BGen R.N. Fischer receives a commemorative set of hat badge and collar dogs from Mr R. Woods, of Woods Manufacturing Company, whose company produced the hat badge and collar dogs.

The Horse is Back in CFB Petawawa

by Sgt J.J.G.S. Froment

The 9th of May 91 will be remembered by all 2 Svc Bn EME personnel for a long time to come. For most pioneers of the Branch, the day represented the return of a long lost, but not forgotten, symbol. For the younger craftsman, it is the opportunity to wear an emblem which is rooted in many distinguished traditions and "happy hour stories" of their predecessors. The rebadging parade was commanded by Maj M.J. Springer, OC Maint Coy, and reviewed by LCol W. Reid, CO 2 Svc Bn. Following the parade and handover of the badges, all 2 Svc Bn EME personnel and guests retired to the confines of building H-112 for an informal gathering.

LEME Rebadging Ceremony - Special Service Force Headquarters & Signal Squadron

On 6 May 91, SSF HQ & Sig Sqn paraded "en masse" to formally rebadge their LEME personnel. LCol M.E. Hanrahan, the Sqn CO, inspected the troops and then presented Capt A.C. Patch, MWO D.R. Pratt, MWO J.P. Perry and WO E.T. Cubitt with their new LEME hat badge.

Capt Patch, the SSF G-4 Maint O, and WO Cubitt, the Sqn ETQMS, then presented each member of the Maint Sect with their new badges.

LCol Hanrahan then addressed the Squadron. He congratulated the EME personnel of their tradition of providing excellent service and on the return of the "horse" which is no stranger to those wearing the "Jimmy" hat badge. He reminded everyone on parade of the close ties between RCEME and the Signal Corps Both of whom were located across from one another in Barriefield, Kingston for many years.

After the parade many questions were directed to our personnel regarding the history of our new/old Branch emblem. Our technicians responded with obvious pride in their voices and an eagerness to share the proud history of their Branch.

Arte et Marte

LCol M.E. Hanrahan, Sqn CO, rebadging Capt A.C. Patch, MWO D.R. Pratt, MWO J.P. Perry and WO E.T. Cubitt.

Capt A.C. Patch and WO E.T. Cubitt presenting the "Horse" to the Maintainers of Maint Sect SSF HQ & Sig Sqn.

Maint Sect SSF HQ & Sig Sqn after rebadging.

CFB London EME Rebadging

On 7 May 91 at 1830 hrs, regular, reserve and retired EME personnel from Windsor to Waterloo gathered on the parade square of CFB Highbury for an event of historic significance. Approximately 50, personnel eagerly awaited the return of the HORSE.

At 1900 hrs the parade was called to attention by the BTSO, Maj K.J. Barnard. Col W.J. Aitchison arrived and proceeded to inspect the soldiers while presenting each with a new cap badge. After each soldier had received a new badge, the command to rebadge was given. All members felt the excitement as the return of the HORSE was now a reality. Col Aitchison then addressed the soldiers and guests and spoke of the history of the EME Branch. He stressed the fact that all members should take great pride in the Branch history and strive to maintain the reputation of the Branch.

At the conclusion of his address, Col Aitchison was escorted to the wksp canteen by members of the RCEME Post. After the parade was dismissed, a meet and greet was held complete with sandwiches and beverages in the canteen.

During the meet and greet, the EME personnel employed at Diemaco presented the B Maint O, Capt R.G. Henning, with a plaque to express their appreciation for being involved in the rebadging ceremony. The members and their families all enjoyed a couple of hours of socializing.

The entire rebadging ceremony proved to be very successful. The soldiers came away with a renewed feeling of pride in the Branch.

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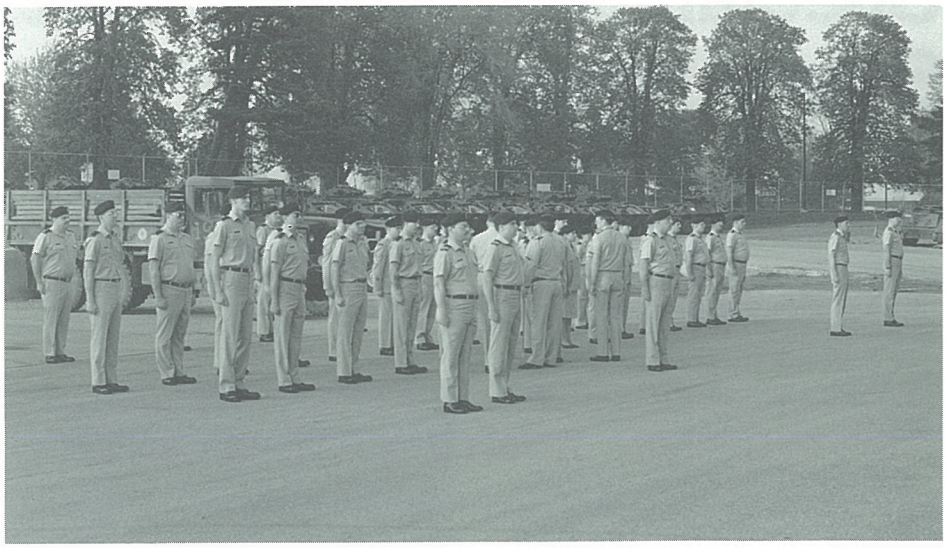


The rebadging parade at CFB London.

The RCEME Post consisting of soldiers in uniforms dating back to World War II (left to right): Cfn A.D. Molloy, MCpl R.I. Wiley, Sgt F.B. McMurres, MCpl H.H. Bailey and Sgt(retd) E.J. Crocker.

2 CER LEME Rebadging Ceremony

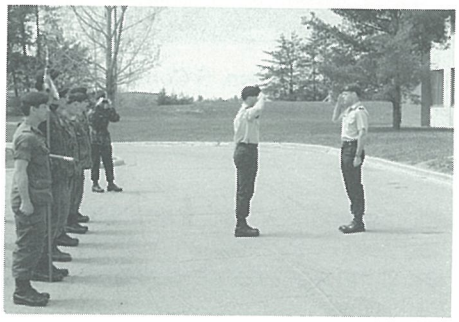
On 8 May 91 the LEME personnel of 2 CER put up the horse forcene in a celebration of their RCEME heritage and future as tradesmen. LEME personnel are the largest group of non-MILE personnel in 2 CER and support a wide range of Engineer heavy equipment in addition to wheeled vehicles, weapons and fire control systems equipment.

The occasion was considered of importance to all personnel in 2 CER and was attended by the entire Regiment.

Ubique. Arte et Marte.

Lt J.C.N. Yarymowich assumes command of the rebadging parade from the ETSM, MWO T.P. Chaudar.

The LEME flag flies alongside the Engineer flag and the flag of the Special Service Force in front of 2 Combat Engineer Regiment Headquarters in Petawawa.



Lt J.C.N. Yarymowich reports to Maj Howe, CO of 2 CER.

Maj Howe inspects 2 CER maintainers.

2 CER's LEME personnel proudly wearing the newly adopted badge.

2 CER's LEME personnel rebadge under the watchful eye of the CO and the remainder of 2 CER.

EME Workshop Performs a Burial at Sea

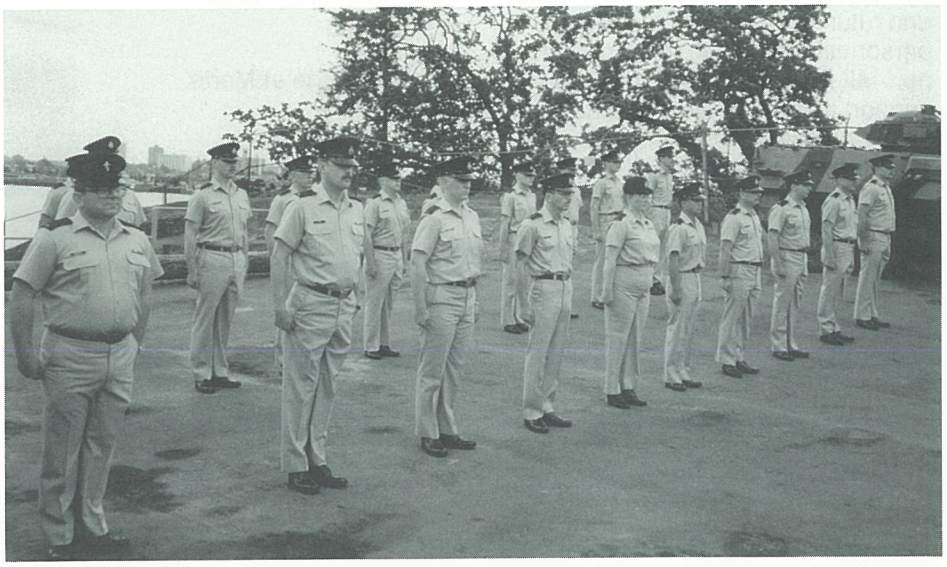
By: Capt D.T. MacLean

On 10 May 91, a significant event took place at CFB Esquimalt ... the EME wksp rebadged. Rebadging ceremonies occurred all across Canada, in Europe, Cyprus, the Middle East and anywhere else that EME personnel were serving. The badge that was worn with much pride and honour for so many years, the EME horse, has returned.

The EME badge features a horse superimposed upon a lightning bolt, with a chain reflexed over its back and standing on a globe showing the Western Hemisphere. The horse and chain, symbolizing power under control, formed part of the logo of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and, together with the lightening flash of electrical engineering, was intended to mark the close relationship between these branches of engineering.

Maj R.F. Danahy, the senior serving EME officer on Vancouver Island, rebadging Capt D.T. MacLean, BEMEO.

In the EME Wksp, the milestone was marked by a number of events, commencing with a rebadging ceremony presided over by the B Comd, Capt(N) F.W. Gibson. Besides the wksp members, the ceremony included Maj Bob Danahy, the senior serving EME officer on Vancouver Island (it is rumoured that he is the senior serving EME officer in the free world). The ceremony also included Maj(Retd) Fred Legge, who has the rare distinction of wearing all four variants of the RCEME/LORE/LEME hat badge, including the original dating back to 1944 when Maj Legge joined RCEME. Special guests included the BTSO, Cdr S.E. Rimek, under who's jurisdiction the EME Wksp falls, the Base CWO, CP01 J.D. Henery, Mr Joe Frassen, a former long-time member of the Branch and the Esquimalt Wksp, and other visiting guests. The ceremony included a fond farewell to Mr Ron Wenzel who retired as the Dockyard EME Wksp foreman, and Mr Geoff Dobinson, who resigned to take up employment elsewhere.



Workshop members during rebadging.

Following the parade inspection, Maj Legge gave an excellent presentation on the history of our badges. MWO Bud Bond performed the Master of Ceremonies duties for presentations to Mr Wenzel, Mr Dobinson, and Cpl Andre Matte, who is posted far away to 3 PPCLI. Also, on behalf of the Wksp, Capt Don MacLean presented a plaque to Capt(N) Gibson, commemorating his participation in the ceremony. In his address to the Wksp, Capt(N) Gibson had some very eloquent words to say about the significance of the badge to the military.

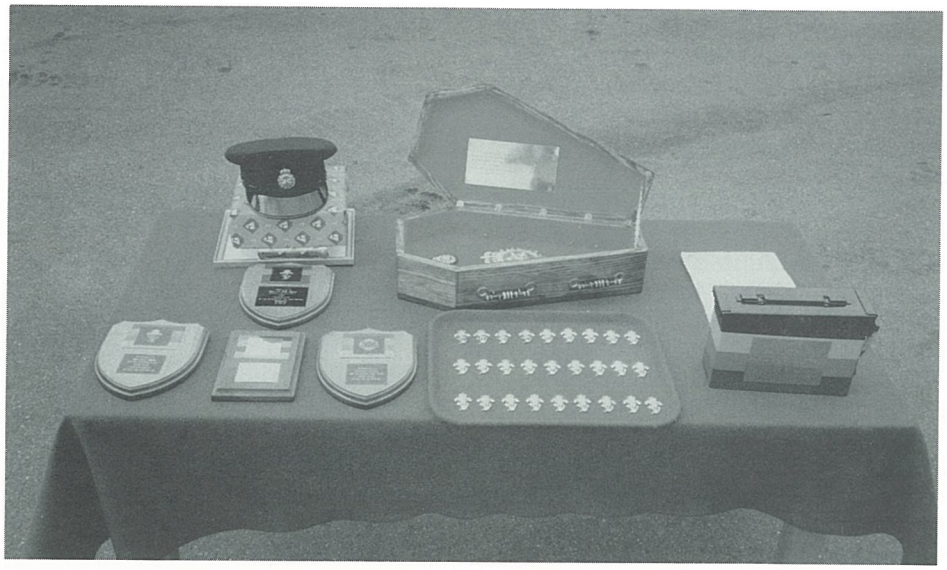
Capt(N) F.W. Gibson, B Comd, receiving a commemorative plaque from Capt D.T. MacLean.

The next phase of the ceremony took a distinctly Maritime twist because of our relatively unique role in support of the Navy and our close proximity to the harbour. All in attendance congregated on the breakwater behind the main wksp

building. During and after the parade, the BEMEO and other members had deposited their old hat badges in a metal felt-lined "coffin" which was painted with the EME colours and had a brass plate attached with the following message engraved:

"Born in a sea of controversy in 1975 and worn with pride and dignity for 16 years, and now the badge is being laid to rest at CFB Esquimalt, 10 May 1991".

The coffin was draped with an EME flag and carried by pall bearers to a boat piloted by Mr Al Frost with a crew of MWO Colin Gebicki and Cfn Ron Dickieson. The boat motored to approximately 100 metres off shore and the engine was shut down. Capt MacLean said a short farewell speech from the shore, then the crew hoisted a board with the flag draped coffin causing the coffin to slip dramatically into the briny blue sea. A second beautifully crafted "coffin" will remain on display in the wksp. It contains a ceramic plaque of the departing hat badge, as well as metal and cloth badges donated by Cfn John Hibbert. Everyone gave a rousing three cheers for the old hat badge and proceeded into the main wksp for the next phase of the celebrations.



Coffin, new badges, gun box coffin to be buried at sea, gifts and plaques.

Pall bearers, representing all four trades, from left to right: Cfn J.F. McKinney (Wpns Tech), Cfn J.L. Hibbert (Mat Tech), Cpl J.G.R. Bertrand (Veh Tech) and Cpl D.N. Robinson-Vincent (FCS Tech).

Maj(retd) Fred legge giving a presentation of the history of the badges.

Mr Ron Wenzel, who retired as the Dockyard EME Wksp foreman, receiving gifts from Miss Kim Shenton with Mrs Wenzel looking on.

Burial at sea.

This phase of the celebration consisted of a splendid meal including barbecued steaks, BC salmon (is there any other kind), and chicken. The meal was ably organised by WO Jock Kostamo and master party planner Mr Andy Lapierre. Assistant chief cook was Mr Dave Davies, an ex RCEME/LORE/LEME Rat. The highlight of the meal was a huge, delicious cake emblazoned with an excellent replica of the new badge. The first cut of the cake was done jointly by Capt(N) Gibson, Majors Danahy and Legge, and Capt MacLean. The remainder of the afternoon was spent sporting, including that glorious sport of telling telling war stories.

All in all, the ceremony was a fitting way to mark the end of the old badge and the return of the horse. As in the past, this symbol of who we are and what we do in the EME branch will be worn with great pride.

Arte et Marte

The cake with the "Horse".

BEME CFB Ottawa Rebadging

On 10 May 91, all ranks of BEME, CFB Ottawa were officially rebadged by BGen J.I. Hanson. While many of the soldiers on parade had never had the honour of wearing the internationally recognized horse and lightning bolt, a few stragglers from RCEME such as CWO Mike Swerdferger and Sgt Frank Smith were on hand to complete the full circle of EME's badge odyssey.

BEME had the honour of having one of its own, Cfn Dan Twigg, selected to be the first soldier in the Branch to receive the new badge at the LETE/DGLEM rebadging parade on 9 May 91. A second distinction in BEME's rebadging was that it was the only parade in the Ottawa area where there were more soldiers on parade than officers.

WO J. Aitkenhead accepts his new hat badge from BGen J.I. Hanson.

MCpl J.D. Gizzi receives his new hat badge from BGen J.I. Hanson.

After 47 years, five badges and three name changes, the EME Branch has a badge that will hopefully withstand the test of time.

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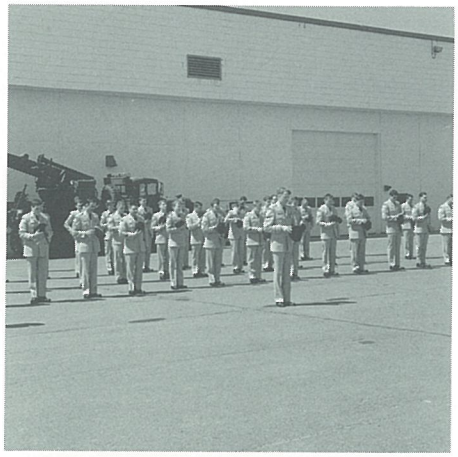


BEME replacing the old with the new or, better yet, the old with the true EME badge.

BGen J.I. Hanson addressing BEME after a successful rebadging parade.

EME Rebadging Parade at CFB Portage la Prairie

The EME Wksp at CFB Portage La Prairie, Manitoba held a parade at 1000 hrs on 15 May 91 to commemorate the rebadging of its EME personnel. The BTSO, LCol P.J. McCabe, presented MWO Don Lyons, BEMEO, with a plaque representing the new hat badge of the EME Branch. As the left marker, we had a beautiful tan horse. This added great feeling to the bringing in of the new hat badge. Following the parade at CFB Portage La Prairie, we headed to Winnipeg to join our counterparts at B Maint Wksp, CFB Winnipeg, for the official rebadging. At this time the new hat badge was presented by Col M.A.C. Campbell of PM MOST, NDHQ, Ottawa. The following day, again the EME personnel from CFB Portage La Prairie joined their counterparts at B Maint in CFB Winnipeg for a fun day of sports. A great time was had by all.

The BTSO, LCol P.J. McCabe, addressing the parade.

LCol P.J. McCabe presenting plaque to MWO D.E. Lyons .

LCol P.J. McCabe inspects Sgt A.M. Walton and the mascot "Calypso". The BEMEO, MWO D.E. Lyons, and the B Tel O, Maj J.M. Theberge, look on.

The following is a list of personnel from the CFB Portage La Prairie EME Wksp: MWO Don Lyons (BEMEO), Sgt Anthony Walton, MCpl Leroy Fugere, MCpl Bob Hyndman, MCpl Glen Hart, Cpl Gary Coles, Cpl Mike Martin, Cpl Pete Karn, Cpl Guy Pellerin, and Pte Ron Martin.

MWO D.E Lyons poses with parade mascot "Calypso".

EME personnel (left to right) - Mascot "Calypso", Cpl P.G. Karn, MCpl J.L. Fugere, Cpl M.J. Martin, MWO D.E. Lyons, Sgt A.M. Walton, MCpl G.D. Hart, Pte R.J. Martin.

The cutting of the cake by LCol P.J. McCabe, assisted by Maj J.M. Theberge and MWO D.E. Lyons. Looking on from behind, left to right, are MCpl J.L Fugere, Cpl P.G. Karn, Pte R.J. Martin and Sgt A.M. Walton.

The birthday cake.

Return of the Horse to CFB Goose Bay

When CFS Goose Bay became CFB Goose Bay back in 1988, our EME contingent grew from a meagre six personnel to a whopping 18 in 1990. I know, on any army base the weapons shop is that big, but here in Goose Bay it makes us respectable.

Being such a small group and somewhat isolated from the rest of the EME world, or the real world for that matter, you can appreciate the excitement created by having the Col Comdt of the EME Branch, Col William Svab, as the reviewing officer for our rebadging parade. The parade was simple in design but complex in meaning. We have people who have never seen a RCEME hat badge and others that have longed for the return of the horse. We are small in number but high in spirit, the pride of the EME Branch was never more evident than right here in CFB Goose Bay.

There were 17 personnel to rebadge including members of BEME and the Executive Assistant to the B Comd from CFB Goose Bay along with a member from each of 5 Cdn Svc Bn and 51 (Montréal) Svc Bn here in support of base defence.

Col Svab presented each member with the new hat badge as the honoured guest, Col Steve Lucas, B Comd, looked on. Then on the command, "Rebadge!", history was made in our little but wide open part of Canada. There was a reception held after the parade for approximately 100 people. Col Svab, MWO Gord Sears and Pte Isabel Tooktoshina (our youngest technician) took part in the EME cake cutting ceremony and everybody forgot about BEME for just one day.

The afternoon consisted of various sports; we even convinced Col Svab to participate in some events. A good time was had by all and plans for next year are already taking place.

Arte et Marte.

EME REBADGES IN CFB GOOSE BAY

(Left to right)

Front row: Lt S. Boothroyd (Prod O), Capt P. Soullière (BEMEO), Col W. Svab (Col Comdt), Capt W. Fleming (EA B Comd), MWO G. Sears (Wksp Sp O/CSM)

Second row: Sgt K. Luffman, Pte I. Tooktoshina, WO D. Howatt, Sgt R. Forand, Sgt J. Crisby, Cpl S. McCarthy

Back row: MCpl W.G. Weeks, Cpl M. Théroux, MCpl L. Salmon, Sgt E. Gilson, MCpl R. Cochrane

Rebadging in Cyprus

It was 15 May 91, a warm and sunny day on the island of Cyprus. Maint Pl of 1 PPCLI was up at the crack of 1000 hrs in anticipation of yet another big day in EME history. Once again, the Branch was rebadging.

The planning for rebadging actually began some months earlier. Even before deploying to Cyprus, arrangements were made with 1 Svc Bn to forward 30 sets of cap badges and collar dogs as soon as they arrived in Calgary. In addition, once on the ground, the pl wasted no time in having various warm up parties in order to ensure the rebadging celebrations occurred as planned (somewhat like parade practices).

WO C.E. Sokoloski organized an EME quiz for the pl with one of the questions being the number of times a similar event had occurred in branch history. MCpl Munn demonstrated that radio technicians can be both profound and amusing at the same time. Though he did not get a single answer correct, he provided some much needed humour, especially in response to questions involving the CWOs in the branch.

The big day arrived. The pl knew that all other maintainers, back in Canada and in CFE, were up (maybe not as early as us) preparing to receive their new cap badges. After paying $14, you can bet that no one was going to miss out. The Maint O went to the mailbox and looked inside. Sadly, there were no letters from his girlfriend, but even worse was the absence of cap badges.

With a lack of resources with which to carry out the rebadging, the parade was pushed back to another day. The object of the parade, however, was present. Cpl L.J. Chisholm spent the previous day manufacturing a huge cake with the new cap badge created in the icing. Not bad for an ex-cook turned Mat Tech.

Experiencing slight remorse at having missed a parade, the pl gathered in the canteen with the cake and proceeded to celebrate the Branch's birthday. It was some time later, during the evening festivities, when it occurred to us that someone involved with the rebadging had not properly thought the whole thing through. If the CF postal system had worked properly and we had received our cap badges on time, we would have been having a combined birthday/rebadging party.

Why would anyone combine two important events and create just one date on which to celebrate? In retrospect, the pl must thank bureaucracy for allowing us to keep the birthday and the rebadging (for us at least) two separate events.

Eventually, the cap badges did arrive and the rebadging parade, followed by frequent toasts to the Branch, occurred. That event, however, is another story.

Maint Pl, 1 PPCLI, with cake in front of Cyprus workshop.

Cpl L.J. Chisholm, 441 Mat Tech, with the cake he manufactured.

EME Day 1991 CFB Chilliwack

By Lt K.J. Lacey

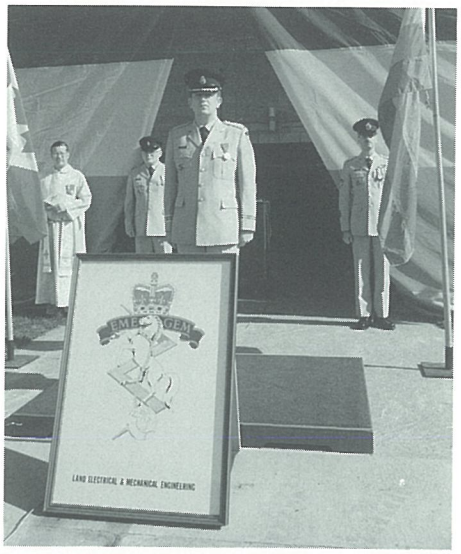
On 15 May 91, BMS Chilliwack celebrated the 47th anniversary of the formation of the RCEME Corps. This day held special significance for all personnel of the EME Branch.

The festivities for EME Day commenced with a rebadging ceremony at 0900 hrs. This ceremony was held in B Maint's wksp compound. Two platoons formed of EME personnel were accompanied on parade by two platoons formed of personnel from BTS Sect. The highlight of the ceremony was the rebadging of all B Maint EME personnel by the B Maint O, Maj C.J. Thorp.

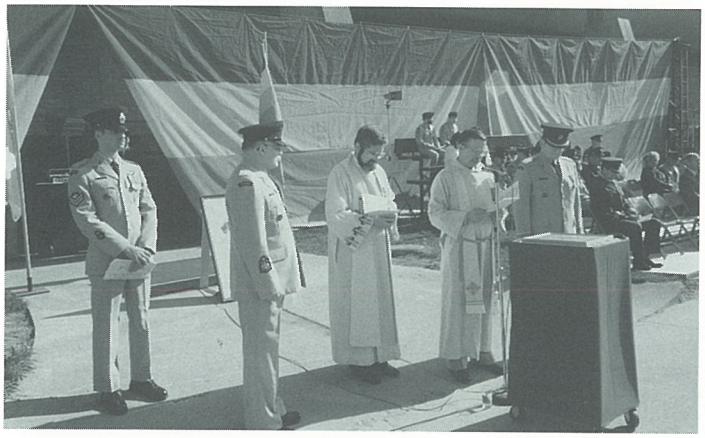
take their best shot at sending their favourite Officer or MWO swimming.

The Creeper Race, every mechanic's favourite, involved some very unusual "creepers". Veh Pl won this event, which is appropriate considering that they practice on creepers every day.

The finale of the day was the Command Race. It involved some interesting variations on jump ropes, baseball and whistling. Veh Pl completed a sweep of the day's events through Capt R. Merchant's remarkable ability to whistle with crackers. However, it was overhead afterwards that he had acquired previous experience developing this ability in Germany.



Maj C.J. Thorp, B Maint O - Reviewing Officer.



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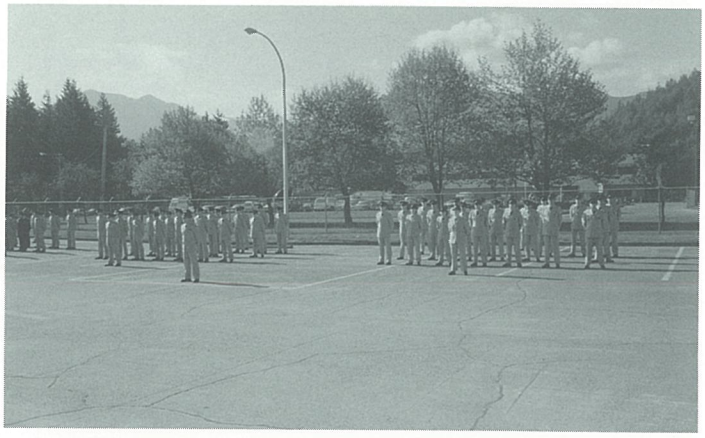

EME personnel awaiting rebadging.

The remainder of EME Day consisted of a Sports Day highlighted by some very interesting competitions. The Annual Old versus Young EME Day floor hockey game resulted in a win for the old timers by a narrow two goal margin.

A bike relay race, coordinated by the Control Office, was won by Veh Pl. The highlight of this event was MWO R.D. Erskine's 'race' bike specially prepared by the Weapons Shop. It had everyone 'pink' with envy.

A barbecue lunch was provided with an interesting diversion. A dunk tank was set up where all lined up to

Maj C.J. Thorp rebadging wksp personnel.

A great day was enjoyed by all in the wksp. Maint Tp 1 CER was missed by all in the friendly camaraderie of competition due to their deployment in Kuwait. Rear Party EME personnel from 1 CER spectated at the parade and joined in the afternoon festivities.

A pot-luck dinner and dance was held later in the week. The wives of 1 CER Maint Tp personnel were invited to participate in this social occasion. Our thoughts were with Maint Tp 1 CER throughout EME Day.

Arte et Marte

Creeeper Race

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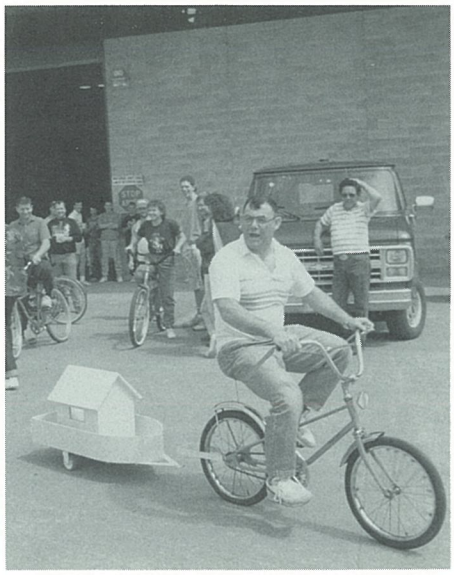
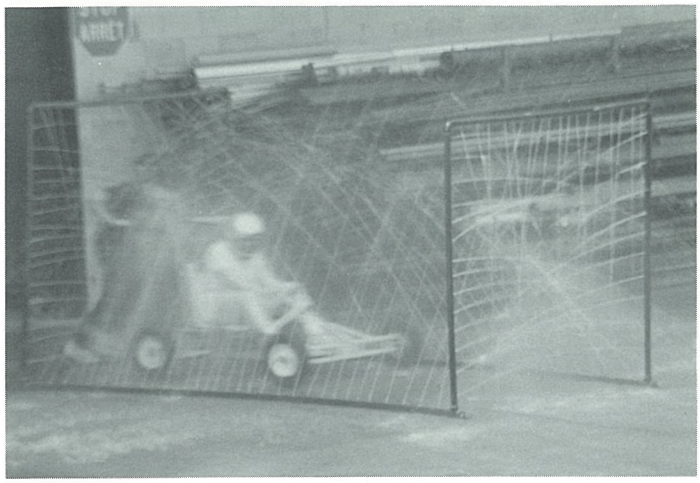


MWO R.D. Erskine's 'Race Bike'.



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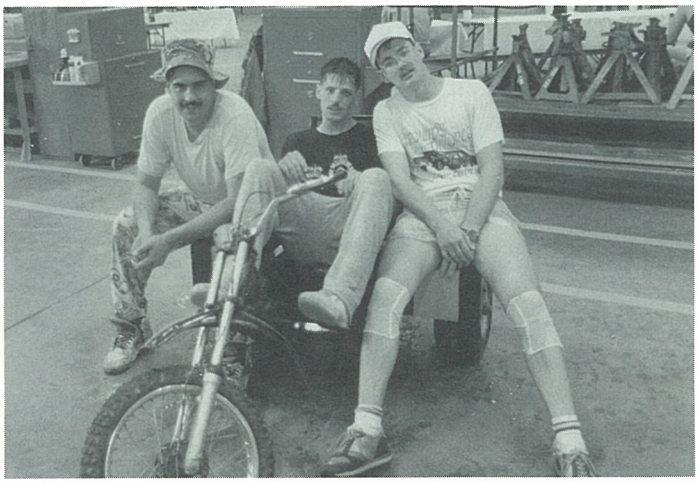
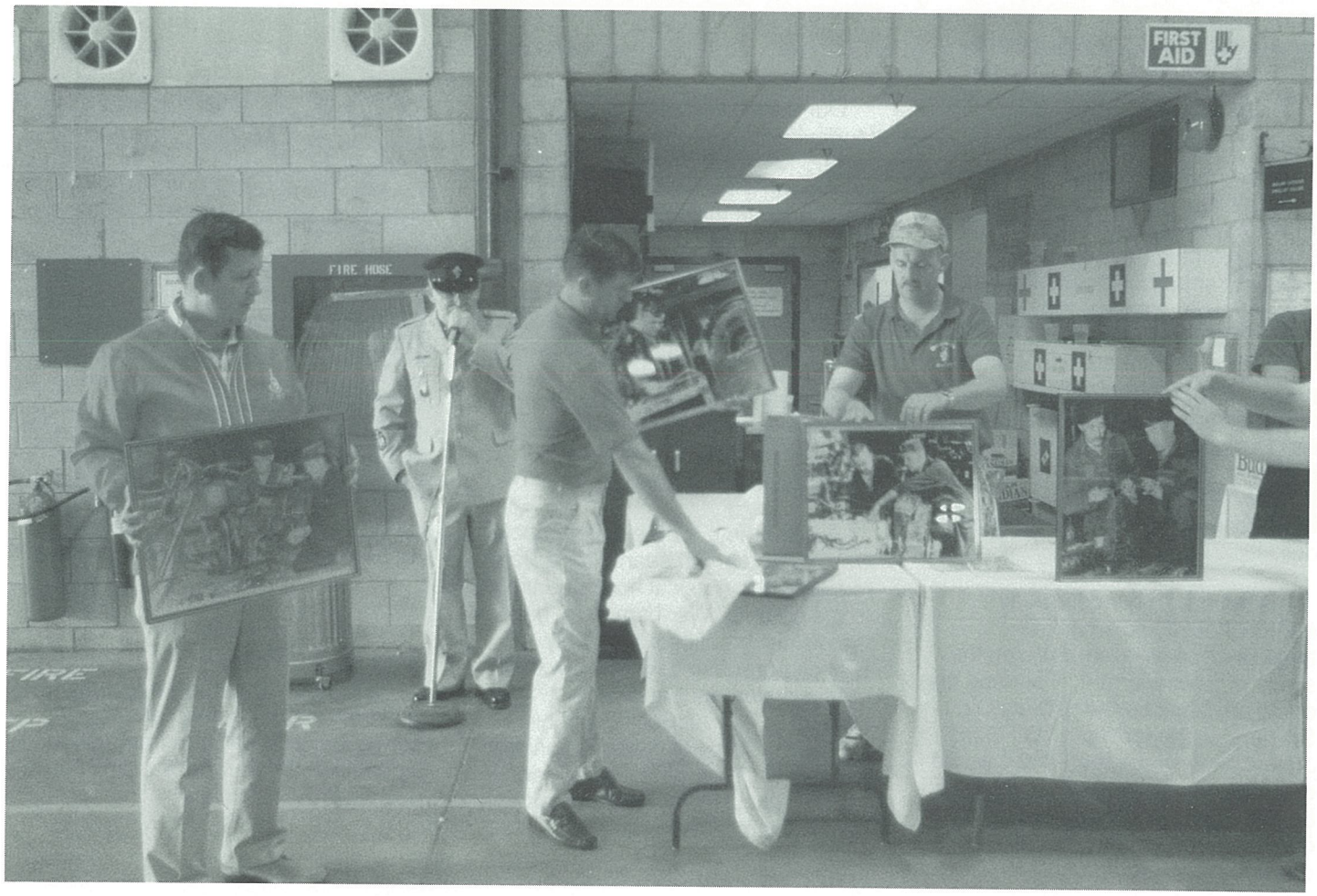


Veh Pl - Creeper Race winners.

Veh Pl - Bike Race winners.

Veh Pl - Command Race winners.



CWO T.D. Jones presenting the wksp with RCEME photos.

EME Day CFB Edmonton

By MWO L.D. Jamison

"The Horse is back!" On 15 May 91 another page was written into the history books of RCEME/LORE/LEME. The proud heritage of the RCEME Corps is once again visible at CFB Edmonton. Not since 1975 has the RCEME Horse been worn as the symbol of EME in Canada. The momentous occasion of the rebadging was long awaited by the younger members of the Branch and "Crusty Old Soldiers" alike.

The BEME Sect at CFB Edmonton seized the opportunity of the rebadging to celebrate with great pomp and ceremony. Weeks prior to the occasion, our soldiers were busy planning and preparing for the day when once again they would proudly wear the RCEME Horse as their badge. Every morning at 0700 hrs, the men were found honing their parade square skills and mastering rifle drill with the new C-7 weapons. The sight of the (razor sharp) bayonets struck terror into the hearts of some when told that they must "Big Knife on the Little Gun Put!" but their fears were unfounded as not a single person was disembowelled during the drill practises. A much more terrifying sight though was taking place daily in carefully hidden locations as Maj Wayne Yee and Capt Will McCutcheon practised their sword drill.

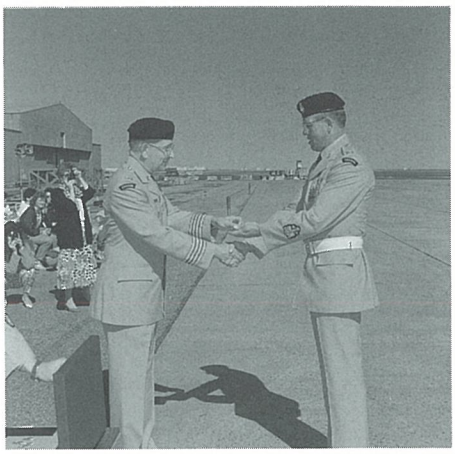
As the day of the ceremony approached, liquid sunshine threatened to severely dampen the spirits of all concerned. Fear not, one of the aforementioned "Crusty Old Soldiers" in the form of CWO Gord Johnson loudly decreed that it would not dare rain on his parade. Low and behold after a torrential overnight downpour the morning of the 15th dawned clear and sunny.

Col A.L. McEachern, DSVEM, inspects MCpl Gord McNutt, accompanied by Maj Wayne Yee, CWO Gord Johnson and WO Wayne Hill.

Col A.L. McEachern inspects Cpl Lance Stewart.

Our guest of honour, Col A.L. McEachern, DSVEM, graciously agreed to be the reviewing officer and to personally present each member of the Branch in the Edmonton area with their new badge. A commemorative scroll was also presented to the B Comd to mark the occasion. The professionalism of our soldiers was very evident as they marched past the dais the first time but I could not help thinking that they seemed to stand a little straighter and march a little smarter on the final march past wearing the new badge.

Another note for the history book was created in our search for a Band to supply the musical accompaniment to the parade. We, I am sure, have the distinction of being the only Branch parade to take place with an entirely volunteer band consisting of two Army, one Air Force, and two Canadian Corps of Commissionaires personnel. They did a fine job and it was a pleasure to have them take part in our ceremonies.

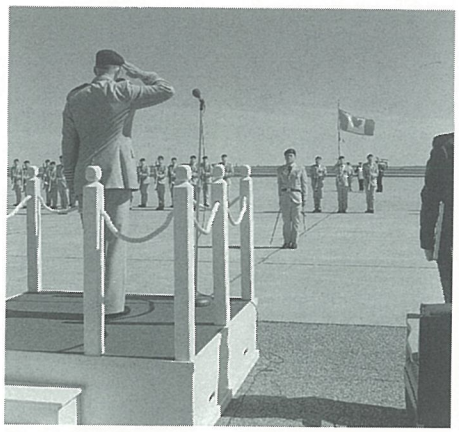


Col A.L. McEachern presents CWO Gord Johnson with the new badge.

Following the parade a reception was held in our canteen and from conversation overheard from various dignitaries, the parade was an overwhelming success.

The evening of the 15th was reserved for a dinner and dance to include all the "niners" in the celebrations. A lovely evening was had by all in preparation for the gruelling iron man sports day on the 16th.

Once again the Chief must have put out the word as we awoke to another bright sunny day. Events such as slow pitch, creeper races, tire relay races, and starter toss were attacked with a vigour unmatched by any Olympic athletes. As the day wore on and the spirits flowed our amazing iron men engaged in fierce competition to determine the best of the best. It was a hard fought battle but the teams from first line maint overwhelmed the competition with their skill and treachery to emerge victorious.



Col A.L. McEachern receives the General Salute upon completion of the rebadging ceremony.

It, 15 May 91, will be a day to remember for all BEME personnel, as we placed a badge back on our berets which has a rich and proud heritage dating back to the birth of RCEME on the 15 May 44. May we keep up the traditions and wear the "Horse" proudly for many hears to come.

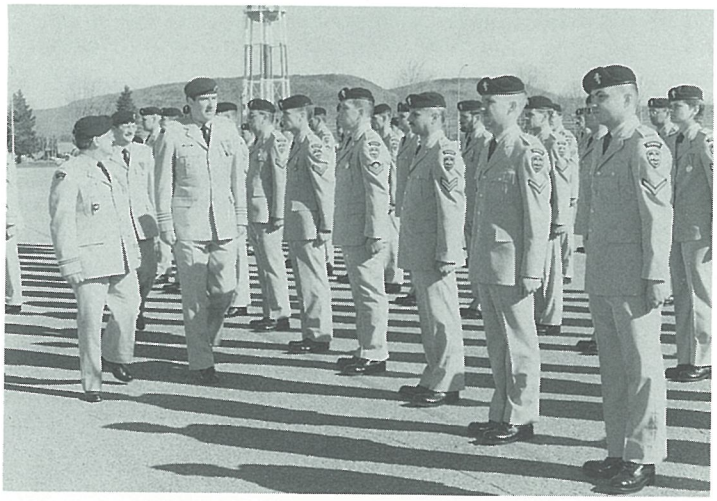
Arte et Marte

The Horse is Back in the EME Family of 5 CMBG

by Lt E. Bolduc Adm O Maint Coy 5 Cdn Svc Bn

With 15 may being the EME Branch Day, it was the occasion to officially change our badge and thus to go back to or origin with the horse instituted in 1944. The beautiful day started with a parade gathering the whole EME family from Valcartier and the Quebec area. Col J.J.R. Marleau, FMCHQ SSO Log at St-Hubert and former CO of 5 Cdn Svc Bn, was the guest of honour for the event. The Gen Comdt, BGen J.A. Roy, honoured us with his presence at the official ceremony, and several unit COs also accepted our invitation.

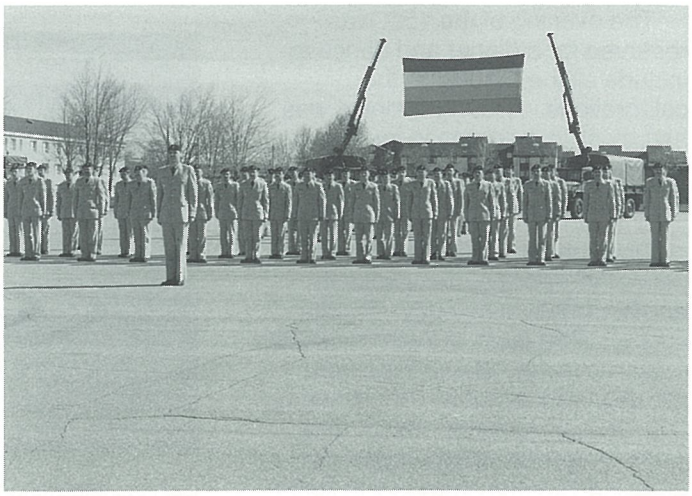
All the maint organizations of Valcartier were present at the parade which marked the official return of our badge. the Parade Commander was Maj J.J.M. Pigeon, DCO 5 Cdn Svc Bn, and his assistant was Maj J.G.C.G. Fraser, Maint OC. The Adjt was Capt J.A.D. Pageau, Adjt 5 Cdn Svc Bn, while the parade RSM was



Maj J.M.P. Bérubé, CO 203 CFTSD, accompanies Col J.J.R. Marleau reviewing A Coy which consisted of technicians from of 5 RALC, 12 RBC and 5 CER.

The R22eR Band accompanied the official rebadging ceremony.

Maj J.G.J.F. Prévost, Ops O 5 Cdn Svc Bn, walks alongside Col J.J.R. Marleau during the review of B Coy which was comprised of technicians from TSHQ, 2R22eR, 3R22eR, Maint Pl 5 Cdn Svc Bn, 5 Fd Amb, 430 Sqn Valcartier and 55 Cdn Svc Bn (St Malo).



The EME flag flying behind B Coy commanded by Maj J.G.J.F. Prévost.

CWO J.J.M. Cliche, Con O Maint Coy. A Coy, representing the maint organizations of 5 RALC, 12 RBC AND 5 CER, was commanded by Maj J.M.P. Bérubé, CO 203 CFTSD, with MWO J.H.R. Beaulieu as Coy SM. B Coy, representing maint organizations of TSHQ, 2R22eR, 3R22eR, 5 Cdn Svc Bn, 5 Fd Amb, 430 Squ Valcartier and 55 Cdn Svc Bn from St Malo, was commanded by Maj J.G.J.F. Prévost, OPS O 5 Cdn Svc Bn, with MWO B. Simard as Coy SM. C Coy, representing Maint Coy 5 Cdn Svc Bn, was commanded by Capt A.R.F.G. Teuwen, DCO Maint Coy, with MWO J.M.H.C. Bouchard as Coy SM.

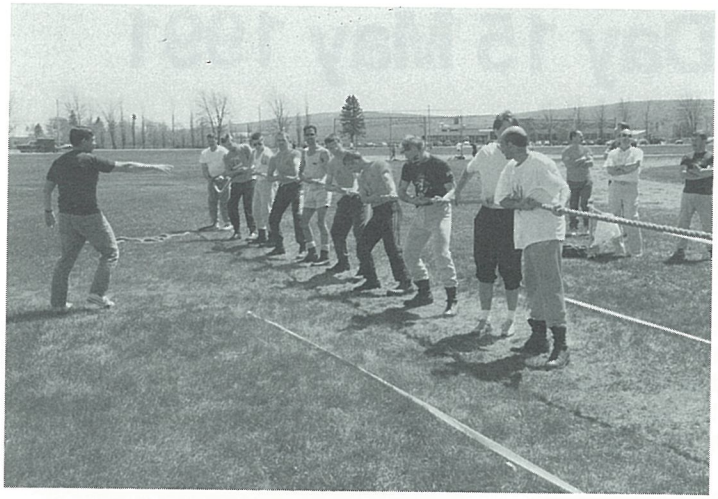
The parade was followed by a delicious barbecue during which MWO J.J.Y. Nichols and MCpl J.A. Lévesque demonstrated their culinary skill. After eating, the EME members split into teams to compete in various games. The maint organizations of each unit participated in a fierce competition for the tug-of-war, softball and horseshoe trophies (Note: the horseshoes did not come from "our" horsey). The tug-of-war tournament was won by 5 RALC after a long battle, 12 RBC took the softball trophy, and the Team #2 of A&E Pl was crowned king and master of the horseshoe competition.

Exhausted by all those tourneys and in need of calories, the famished pack welcomed the huge EME-coloured cake. Several had the opportunity to fully taste it (ask Lt E. Bolduc and Sgt. J.A. Breau!!). The day ended with the draw of two bikes won by Mr Daniel Savary from Maint Coy and Capt D.G. Lussier of 555 Cdn Svc Bn. Everybody has fond memories of the day despite nursing sunburns.

Arte et Marte! On to the 50th anniversary.

Under a radiant sun, the flag proudly shows the EME Branch colours.

The huge cake is cut with a sabre by (left to right) CWO J.J.M. Cliche, Maj J.G.C.G. Fraser, Col J.J.R. Marleau and Maj J.J.M. Pigeon.



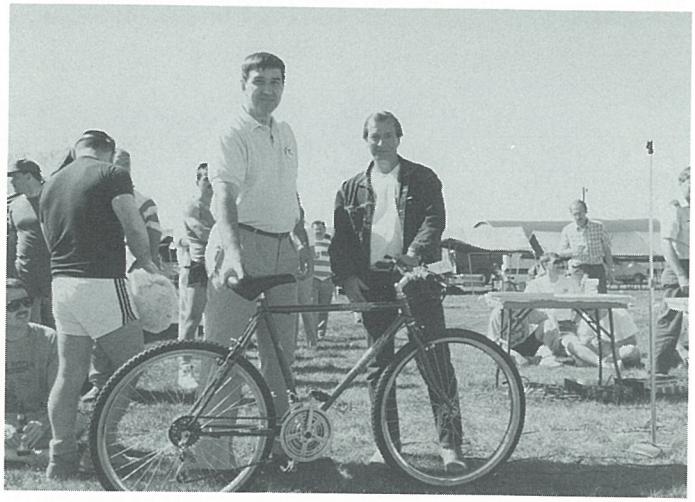
The tug-of-war team from 5 CER, with Cpl J.F.G. Vincent (NATO's most garrulous Mat Tech) in the vanguard, is directed by MWO J.E.M. Vézina.

"Throw me your fastball!", seems to say Cpl J.R.S. Arsenault from Maint Pl, 5 Cdn Svc Bn.

The tug-of-war champions from 5 RALC expertly led by MWO Y.G. Laverdière. Congratulations to the press gang!

The Kings and Grand Masters of horseshoes, Sgt Villeneuve and WO Lessard from A&E Pl Maint Coy receive their trophy from Col J.J.R. Marleau.

The softball champions from 12 RBC accept the trophy from Col J.J.R. Marleau. Their deployment to Cyprus seems to have been useful.



Mr Daniel Savary, a machinist from Maint Coy, is the winner of the mountain bike seen here being presented it by Col J.J.R. Marleau.

A Chronical of EME Day 15 May 1991

By Cpl Marc Lefebvre 3R22eR

0630 H Bldg 314 3R22eR: Sgt Vaillancourt was relentlessly working on the lining up of the collar dogs. Fortunately, a centre punch always wins over the hardest collars.

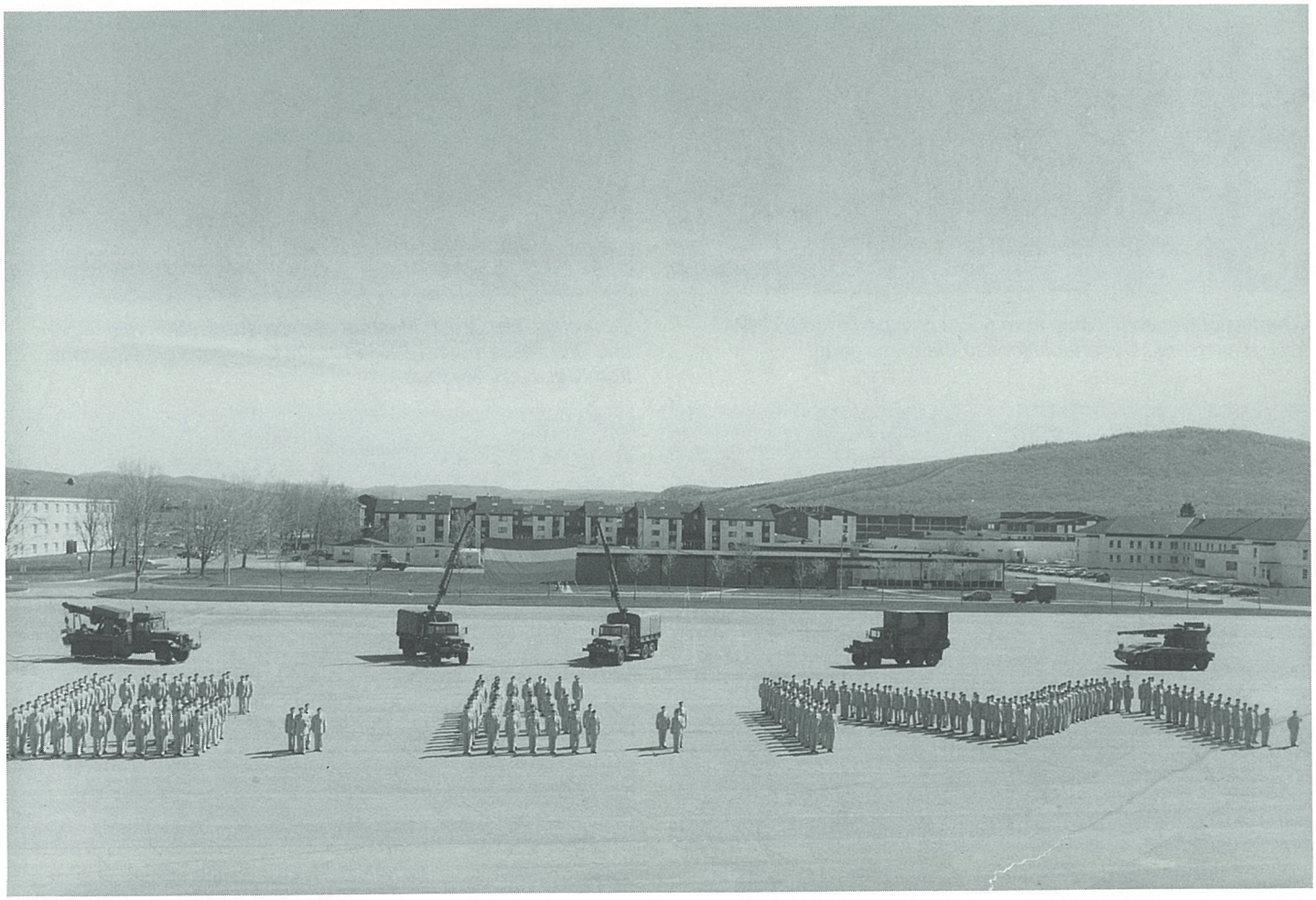
Once the "Horses" are all lined up, MWO J.A.R. Nolin gives the order to march to the parade ground. There the platoons of the various units gather and form the planned companies. A dazzling sun glitters off the badge of Maj J.G.C.G. Fraser, commander of the parade. Because of his long experience, Col J.J.R. Marleau was given the honour of reviewing the troops, or shall we say the `herd', under BGen J.A. Roy's approving eye.

A brief presentation of the meaning of the forcene horse during the parade enlightens the pensive minds of those like myself who are not among the Old Craftsmen (Green Monsters). A brief narration reveals to us the secrets and developments of the various craftsmen squads and of the badges. The parade concludes with a huge human "GEM" which is for ever immortalized on film.

Transformed into sportsmen, the softball team of 3R22eR is badly shaken in the first innings by the 5 CER team. The 3rd sticks its spikes in the ground and goes up by a 9-8 score; but time dampens its efforts and finally it has to bow honourably to its cousin unit.

Once their hunger and thirst is satisfied, the members of our tug-of-war team resists all opponents attempts until the last battle, while losing a few millilitres of sweat. Only the jolts of 5 RALC's craftsmen will succeed in breaking the 3rd's machine.

The end of the day comes too soon, the horses being unable to stop the earth from turning. But one thing remains the same since the birth of the EME Corps: we know very well how to maintain it so it can keep on turning.



A panoramic view of CFB Valcartier, 15 May 91. A Coy forms the letter "G", B Coy forms the letter "E" and C Coy (Maint Coy 5 Cdn Svc Bn) forms the letter "M".

EME Birthday and Rebadging in CFB Winnipeg

By Lt B.J. MacGillivary

BEME Sections from CFBs Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie, SSO EME (AIRCOM) personnel, EME technicians from the Manitoba District and RCEME Veterans celebrated the EME rebadging ceremonies 15-16 May 91.

The afternoon of 15 May marked the parade of the 47th Anniversary of the RCEME Corps/EME Branch. The Reviewing Officer was Col M.A.C. Campbell, PM MOST. Parading were 54 members representing surrounding Manitoba maint sections: BEME Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie, AIRCOM HQ SSO EME and Maint Pl Fort Garry Horse. Despite rainy and dismal weather, the troops marched off smiling, proudly donning their new hat badge.

The night of 15 May was full of food, wine and song. An informal smorgasbord, followed by a dance, led the festivities into the wee hours of the morning.

The following morning, sports day proved once again that the Junior Ranks require OJT and formal courses in the realm of softball, the Officers and Snr NCOs capitalizing with a 12-9 victory. The remainder of the day was left to barbecuing and trade-related sports events.

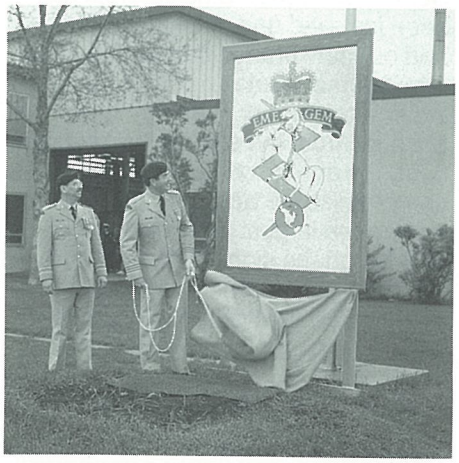
Arte et Marte

The arrival of the Reviewing Officer - General Salute.

Col M.A.C. Campbell, PM MOST, takes the salute as the troops march past in CFB Winnipeg. LCol A.W. Price looks on.

Col M.A.C. Campbell presenting new hat badge to MWO D.E. Lyons, BEMEO, CFB Portage La Prairie .

Troops march past parading the new hat badge.



Col M.A.C. Campbell, assisted by the BEMEO, Maj J.C. Lawrence, unveils the new emblem of the CFB Winnipeg Workshop. The manufacturing and artwork was performed by workshop personnel.

CFB Saint-Jean Maint Sect

By Capt Pierre Plante, B Maint O, CFB Saint-Jean

CFB Saint-Jean Maint Sect consists of 14 pers distributed between control office, wpns, veh and auxiliary sections (telecom sect works for another organization). In spite of it small size, the sections support a wide variety of customers. In addition to the base log support and adm units, support is also provided to all the schools (ERFC, ELFC, ETFC, and EPGFC), CMR and over 26 cadets corps.

Even though we serve many people, not many know where we are located. This can be explained by the fact that we are located in the same building with Tn Sect and contrary to us, they are very well known. When the personnel of the sect had a discussion on the projects that they would like to accomplish for the Branch's 50th Anniversary, the lack of recognition was put on top of the priority list. This was a question of pride for the sect. So, as our first major project, we started the conception and fabrication of a sign noteworthy of the history and colours of the branch. The final product needed all of the craftsman's skills that characterizes our techs. The sign was officially presented during the base's Canadian Forces day September 1990. Since then, it has been installed and, lately, modified to add our new branch badge. The final result demonstrates the high standard expected from our Branch. The absence from the sign of the second badge in our history is the compromise we accepted, in order to ensure the largest possibility of badges on the sign. This sign was built with enormous pride by all members of the Maint Sect. By the way, it weighs close to 120 kg.

Another but minor project was carried out a few months ago. We reconditioned and made a monument of an old 40 mm Boffin anti-aircraft gun. We have a few more projects in mind for 1994. They will be directly related to our world and will be located closer to our working area.

A few words about the rebadging parade that occurred 15 May 91. For this important event we joined the personnel from ETFC, 202 Wksp, CFB Montreal and the representatives from the militia for a simple but worthy ceremony. The guest of honour was LGen K.R. Foster, Cdr FMC. The parade was followed by an EME sports day which was very well organized by 202 Wksp. It was with great pride and enthusiasm that the older techs found their long lost horse. It was with the contentment of the old that the younger techs accepted the new badge, noble witness of a glorious past.

CFB Saint-Jean Maint Sect may be small but it is a dynamic sect and proud to belong to the EME branch. It will continue to perform within the tradition that characterizes our history.

Arte et Marte.

CFB Saint-Jean Maint Sect's personnel (left to right): Mcpl Cameron, Cpl Dugas, Mcpl Boissonneault, Mrs Anne-Marie Lecomte, Mwo Otto, Capt Plante, Sgt Picher, Mcpl Charron, Cpl Gagné and Cpl Lamontagne. Absent from photo: Mcpl Larouche, Cpl Tremblay and Cpl Doiron.

If you visit CFB Saint-Jean you will have no trouble finding us anymore. Just look for the sign that was erected by Maint Sect personnel.

EME Celebrations - 15 May 91

Hi there - this is your favourite "On-the-Spot" star reporter Rodney Rotor and his ever faithful sidekick Sparky! We got the call early January that something big was going down 15 May 91 at Grid 076 526 Wainwright. Yes, EME day was going to be quite a bash - parades, marching bands, free food - so I figured I had best be there to capture the event in vivid colour for you readers who would be unable to attend.

Before I knew it, it was 14 May and there I was, in Wainwright, with by note pad and stubby pencils. Today was to be the first parade practice for tomorrow's celebrations and I had arrived just in time to see some of the preparations underway. As I stood there enraptured by the warm wind, singing birds and setting sun, Sparky proceeded to be run over by an ARV manoeuvring onto the parade square. Yes, I thought, this was going to be quite a parade! (Unfortunately, Sparky was hospitalized and had to miss the parade). For as far as the eye could see, there were maintainers from all over that had assembled for the parade - from 3 RHCA, LDSH, 1 PPCLI, 2 PPCLI, 3 PPCLI, 1 Svc Bn, CFB Calgary, CFB Penhold and Det Wainwright. It looked like hundreds of maintainers. Remembering third year calculus, I immediately performed an integration and arrive at 250 maintainers at the parade practice. I then applied the LaPlace Transform and a double differential equation and calculated that there would be approximately 312 on parade the next day. I softly whistled to myself that this was quite a gathering. Deftly sidestepping the 5T wrecker coming my way, I settled to watch the parade practice. The practice went very well and it was with eager anticipation that everyone awaited the arrival of the next day. I was so excited I couldn't sleep. I tossed, I turned, I (being a maintainer myself) buffed up my new cap badge. I was just honing the lightning bolt to a fine point when, before I knew it, dawn had arrived. Another parade practice was held at 0700 hrs and the parade was scheduled to start at 0915 hrs.

BGen R.N. Fischer congratulating a proud member of the Old brigade on the return of the "Horse".

It was a spectacular day for the parade! The rain that had been befriending us for the past week had let up and the sun was shining. The parade consisted of over 300 maintainers formed in four guards of 75 personnel each. Formed up on the right hand side of the parade was a RCEME Association Old Guard consisting of approximately 20 ex-maintainers. Behind the parade were an ARV (I could see Sparky's shoe still stuck in the tracks), two 5T wreckers, two Huskies and two MLVW MRT's. Suspended from the ARV boom and braced by the two wrecker booms was a gigantic EME flag. The parade square was adorned with artillery shells holding EME pennants. It was quite an impressive sight. The parade was commanded by the infamous LCol E.K. Beselt while the DCO and RSM were Maj K.E. Jones and CWO T.D. Hogg respectively. Yours truly - ahem - was the Master of Ceremonies (the critics were raving!). We were honoured that BGen R.N. Fischer, DGLEM, attended as the Reviewing Officer. The parade went extremely well and it was with great pride that the Maintainers of the Army of the West marched with their new branch badges. Highlights of the parade were the rebadging of 11 personnel - one from each rank from Pte to LCol - by BGen Fischer and the Old Guard marching onto parade and perfectly executing a left-turn-on-the-march in order to assume their position on parade (many an RSM was heard to mutter "...there is no room left to wheel... they're not going to make it...they've gone too far...well done, for maintainers that is.."). Those in attendance remarked how

much they had enjoyed the parade and how they wished they could remuster to the branch.

The conclusion of the parade was followed by a barbecue luncheon and an afternoon of challenging competition. Liquid refreshments were available in abundance and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie. The day wound down with a steak barbecue supper and more liquid refreshments.

May 15 truly was a special and historic day for all members of the EME Branch. The return of the horse forcene renewed and fortified the Branch's link with its past and the pride that Army of the West maintainers took in wearing their new badge was clearly evident. To see serving and ex-maintainers, young and old, sharing a common heritage was memorable. The parade and celebrations in Wainwright were most successful - Congratulations to Maintenance Company who organized the day's activities.

This is Rodney Rotor signing off.

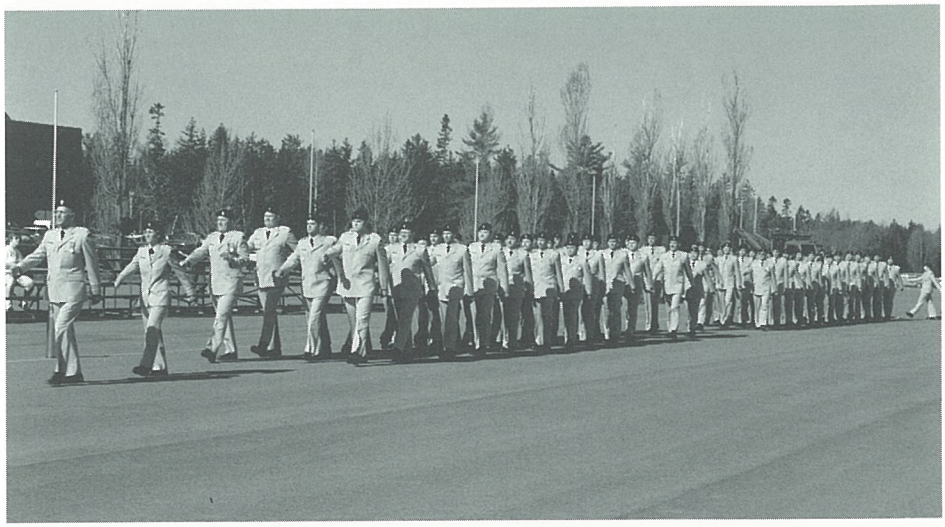
The Old Brigade marching past with the new Branch badge.

There are smiles on everyone's faces after the rebadging.

CFB Gagetown Rebadging Ceremonies (Home of the Army)

By Lt R.V. Fraser

On Wednesday 15 May 91 some 200 EME personnel from across CTC/ CFB Gagetown, representing B Maint Coy, 2 RCR Maint Pl, 22 Fd Sqn, RCE Adm Tp, C Sqn RCD Maint Tp and 403 Hel Op Trg Sqn Sp Flt, were on parade to receive their new hat badge. The Comdt CTC, BGen J.M.G. Baril, OMM, CD, was the Reviewing Officer, Col A.R. Gillis, CD, from DLAEEM, was the Senior Branch representative, the BTSO, LCol J.P. Deschênes, CD, was the Parade Comd and the OC Maint Coy, Maj K.G. Horton, CD, was the Parade Second in Command. The RCR Band was under the direction of MWO W.N. Richardson, CD.



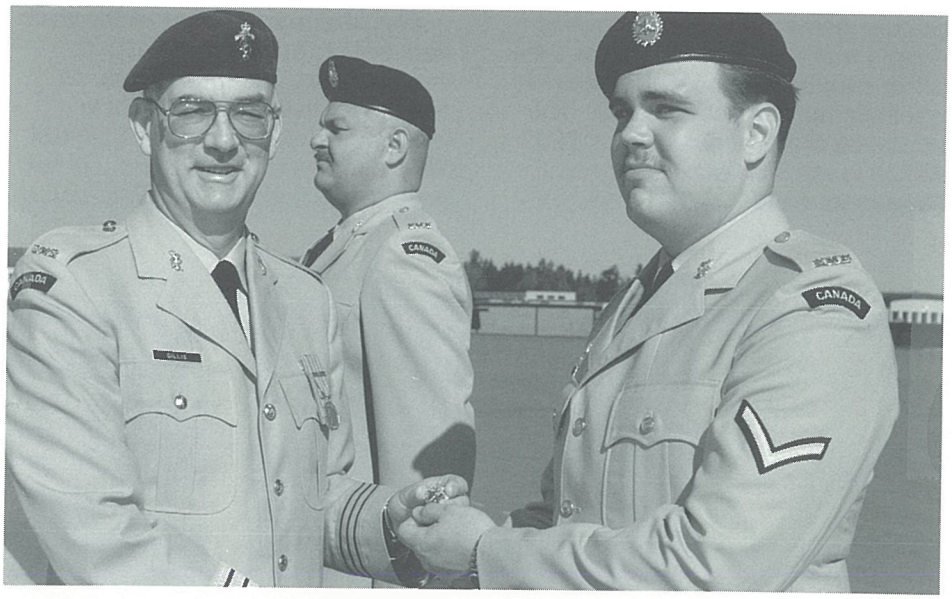
LCol J.P. Deschênes, BTSO,leads maintainers on the march past with their new hat badge.

In attendance at the rebadging parade were over 100 dignitaries, family members, co-workers and friends of the Branch. Among the distinguished dignitaries was Col G.J. Oehring, CD, Deputy Comdt and the COs of the represented units.

Once the initial parade procedures were completed, LCol Deschênes presented CWO R.E. Nichol, MMM, CD, with a departing gift from B Maint Coy on his forthcoming retirement. BGen Baril then rebadged Pte A.F. McLean and LCol Deschênes. Once this phase of the rebadging was completed, BGen Baril, Col Gillis, Col Oehring, LCol Deschênes and the COs of the represented units rebadged all EME personnel on parade. The march past that followed was second to none. With heads held high the proud tradition and professionalism of the "maintainers" was shown by all. This parade was a proud and historic moment for the EME Branch and its personnel, particularly for those older members who will in fact be returning to their roots.

Upon departure of the Reviewing Officer and dignitaries, all personnel and guests were invited for refreshments which was followed by the official opening of the new FCS Shop Extension.

On completion of all former activities, the "maintainers" changed and prepared for the barbecue and sports activities. Some of the activities included tug-a-war, floor hockey and volleyball. For those with bad knees and backs, eucher was the



Col A.R. Gillis, DLAEEM, rebadges Pte B.J. White.

LCol J.P. Deschênes, presents CWO R.E. Nichol, with his retirement gift.

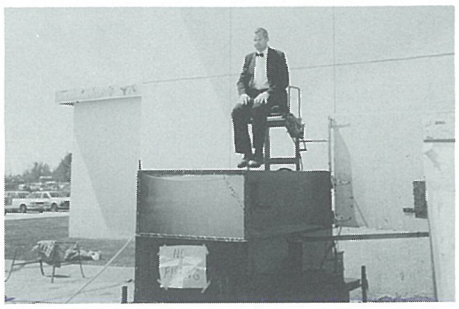
BGen J.M.G. Baril, Comdt CTC, rebadges LCol J.P. Deschênes. Pte A.F. MacLean is in the background.

Col A.R. Gillis, DLAEEM, presents BGen J.M.G. Baril with an EME memento.

popular game. One of the amusing events was the "dunk tank" where the junior members paid for a chance to get their "bosses" rather damp. The proceeds of this popular event, $207, will go to the 50th Anniversary EME Monument Fund.

The parade and all activities, which were greatly enhanced by superb weather, were a great success. In closing, it would be remiss not to enclose the following words from Col Gillis' address to the troops: "It is not just a happy occasion for EME, young and old, rather it is a happy occasion for the Army and a recognition of its valued regimental tradition, loyalty and spirit."

Arte et Marte



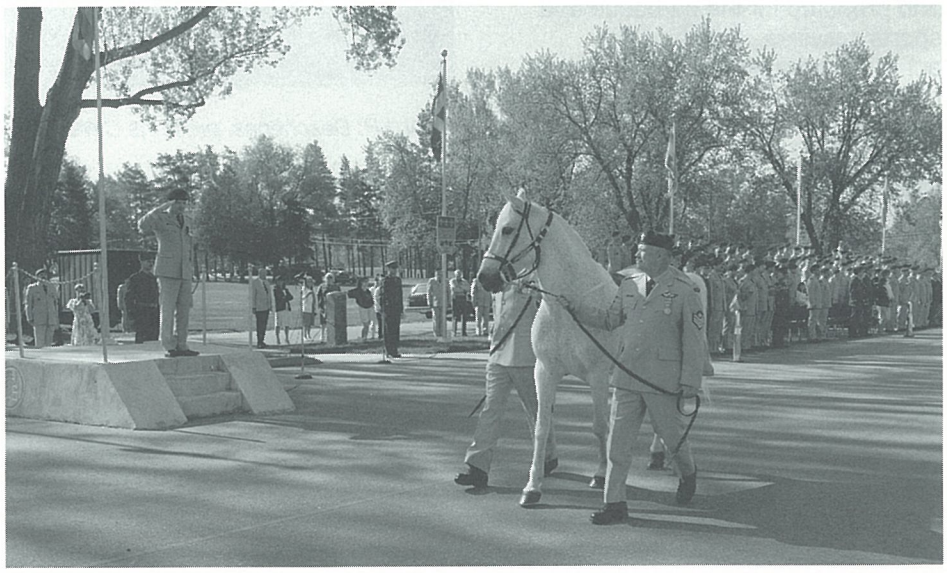
Mr Dressup, Maj G.R. Ellis, is prepared to take the plunge into the dunk tank.

Maj K.G. Horton pays for his shot at the "wet ones".

CFB Borden Rebadges

The Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, on behalf of all LEME Branch personnel in CFB Borden and the surrounding communities, conducted the rebadging parade. In addition to the staff and students of CFSEME, other maint organizations that were represented included B Maint Borden, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Reserve School (EMERS), and the 1944 Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Cadet Corps from Creemore. Together, the 290 LEME personnel on parade were joined by over 120 spectators including those who served in the RCEME Corps. It was an emotional moment for many.

What made this rebadging ceremony different was the presence of the mascot - a white stallion provided by Sgt Michel Lemoine of CFSEME. The parade commenced with a final march past under the LORE badge. The most senior member of the LEME Branch and a former B Comd of CFB Borden, BGen Jim Hanson, was the Reviewing Officer. After the march past, the LORE badge was replaced with the new badge by the LEME personnel on parade and those spectating. The parade concluded with another march past under the new hat badge. Although the branch badge has changed on average once each decade, many of the serving members of the LEME Branch hope that this new one will be here to stay for many generations.



All in step! Both the mascot and his escorts, Sgt Eli Thibodeau and Sgt Mike Lemoine (right), give BGen Jim Hanson, the parade Reviewing Officer, a sharp eyes-right. The mascot is a symbol of the new LEME hat badge.

Following the parade, all members of B Maint and CFSEME gathered on the sports field where old acquaintances were renewed over hamburgers and refreshments, prior to the traditional inter-company and section rivalries. The afternoon started with Capt Mark Espenant, the CFSEME Ops O, parachuting the LEME colours into the centre of the sports field.

The Parade of Athletes for best dressed and effects was led and won by B Maint. Then the games began. There were sports for the young and not so young from slow pitch to lawn darts. All the events, which were controlled under the watchful eyes of MWO Gerry Tremblay of Veh Coy and his many volunteers, provided

Capt Mark Espenant parachuting the LEME colours onto the sports field.

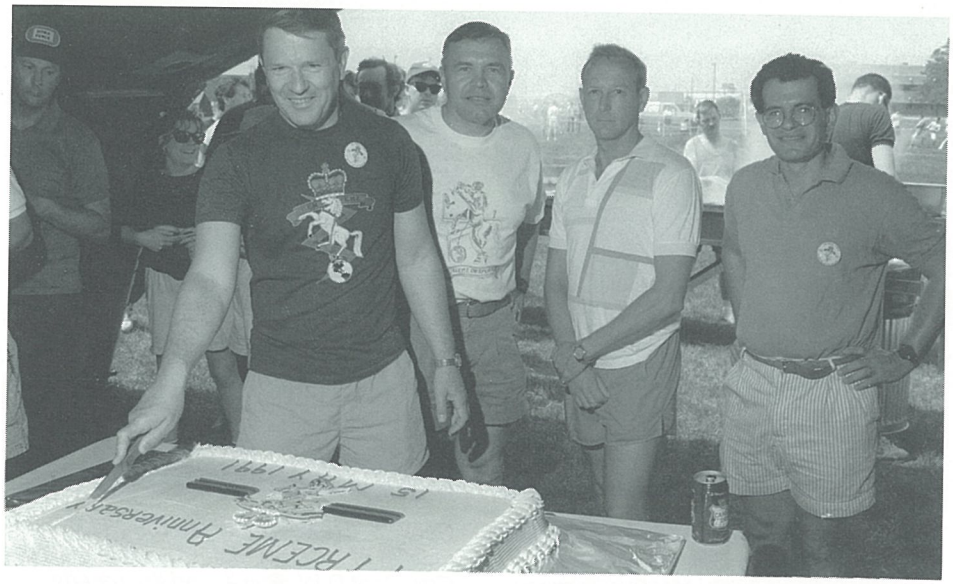
Parade of athletes led by B Maint.

B Maint have wreckers to for all occasions.

excellent entertainment for the spectators.

As always, the LEME personnel maintained their competitive spirit and esprit de corps throughout the day's events. However, when the time came to pass out the medals, Veh Coy was forever present, ensuring them the title of "Overall Winners". The annual LEME sports days was a complete success. The Branch members were able to once again keep our tradition and heritage alive, as we shall continue to do when we celebrate our 48th.

Arte et Marte



The official cake cutting ceremony was carried out by BGen J.I. Hanson. Spectating, from left to right, are BGen V. Pergat, CWO G.M. Clough and Maj R. Crook.

BEME Rebadging Ceremonies CFB Comox

A very special event was marked 15 May 91 for all EME personnel of the BEME Workshop in CFB Comox. Twenty-eight strong, which includes four civilian personnel, were in attendance for the parade, marking the official rebadging ceremonies. For many of the technicians the hat badge was new, but for some others, it was the welcome return of an old and universally recognized friend.

The hat badge and collar dogs were well received by all CFB Comox personnel and one had to stop many times to show off the badges and give a short history lesson of what, where and why for. Events for the day included refreshments after the parade, a section ball game and a family barbecue at Air Force Beach.

The reviewing officer was Maj R.W. Piercey, A/BTSO, with the BWO, CWO T.P. Doherty, and his faithful assistant, Sgt P. Farrell, as guests of honour.

The badge will serve as a proud identity for all who serve beneath it and will ensure that the proud history and tradition of the Corps is carried on.

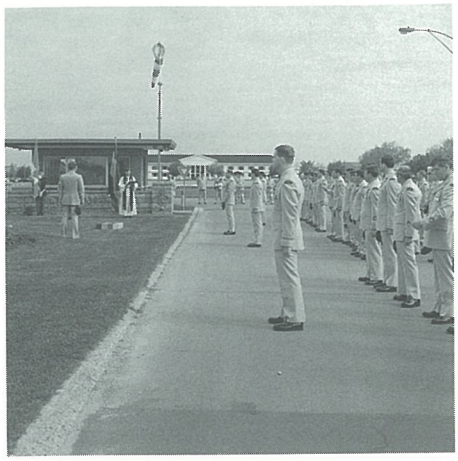
Arte et Marte

CFB Kingston

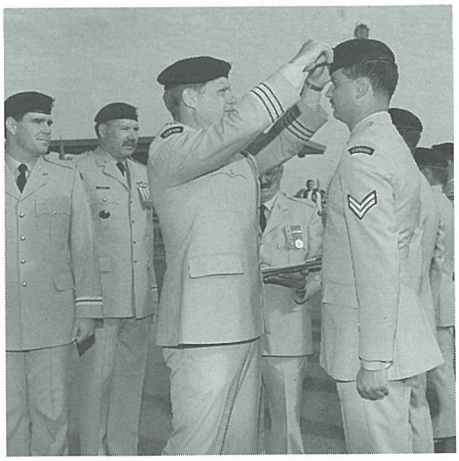
The entrance to Camp Barriefield has always been recognized by RCEME soldiers, as the gateway to the home station of the Corps and later as the first home of the LORE Branch. Even now that the Branch is named LEME and the home station is now in Borden the RCEME Gate has been a silent witness to all the events which have unfolded since the Corps was originally founded back in 1944.

Since that time the Corps has rebadged on five separate occasions for the LEME personnel belonging to the Kingston detachments; these historic events have all taken place within sight of the RCEME Gate. It was therefore decided that the 15 May 91 rebadging parade would take place in front of the RCEME memorial. This would emphasize the Branch lineage through the RCEME Corps and at the same time make our presence felt at McNaughton Barracks.

In order to make this event as much of a LEME family gathering as possible, the Maint Tp from 1 CDSR was invited to parade with the wksp. Also a guest contingent, including maintainers from every LEME detachment or student in the area (Div HQ, RMC, UTDC, etc.), was also



The entire rebadging parade formed up in front of the RCEME Gate, including the guest contingent under Maj Eve Turgeon, and received the blessing from Padre Don Chisolm.



Col W.J. Brewer rebadges Cpl J.R.B. Ouellet of 1 CDSR Maint Tp while the Tp Cdr, Capt D.W. Rowe, and the parade commander, Capt F.J. Keegan, look on with approval.

Col W.J. Brewer rebadges CWO H.M. Dickie.

paraded in order to offer all personnel within the area of opportunity for a formal presentation of the new badge. A contingent of RCEME Association Veterans from LAD 101 was also invited to turn out as spectators for the parade and to join in the all ranks barbecue later in the day. Finally, our comrades from the Vimy Band turned out in force under CWO Henry, to provide music for the parade. The reviewing officer was Col W.J. Brewer and the parade commander was the acting B Maint O, Capt F.J. Keegan. Other appointments included MWO J.W. Doiron as the B Maint Contingent Commander, Capt D.W. Rowe as the Regimental Maint Tp Commander, CWO H.M. Dickie as the parade Sergeant Major, MWO S.W. Rumbolt and MWO D. Stanke were the CSMs for the marching contingents and Reverend Don Chisholm was on hand to bless the new badge and all who would wear it.

The Kingston LEME Garrison rebadging parade was split into two separate phases. Phase one was the actual rebadging and blessing which took place directly in front of the RCEME Gate, along the entrance way to McNaughton Barracks. The second phase was a march past in column of route and advance in review order with the dias located at the northern end of the McNaughton parade square.

The parade began with the B Maint and 1 CDSR contingents being marched on under CWO Dickie to the music of the Vimy Band. Once the officers had fallen in, the parade awaited Col Brewer's arrival. Upon his arrival and just after the General Salute, Col Brewer rebadged the two units formally paraded, plus the members of the guest contingent, (assembled by MWO J.M. Bezanson and under the command of Maj Eve Turgeon). The last member of the parade to receive his new cap badge, after the parade commander was MWO Don Rochon who had volunteered to participate in the ceremony as the official badge bearer.

Once the rebadging was completed, the parade removed headdress and Father Chisholm gave a blessing to the parade and the guest contingent. After this had been completed the reviewing officer's party and spectators moved to the northern end of the McNaughton parade square to await the march past. Upon completion of the march past the spectators and garrison members were addressed by the reviewing officer. The parade was completed by a very well executed advance in review order.

A small reception was held on the lower line veh repair shop, a portion of the B Maint complex. All Kingston units having LEME pers of staff were represented and maintainers from various facets of the reserves were also present. Maj Ross Stewart made the trip from CFTSHQ. Members from both the RCEME National and RCEME local LAD 101 Association were in attendance. In general the guests reflected a cross section of the entire extended RCEME/LORE/LEME family. After several dicey moments on the weather program, those eligible to participate in the day's sports competitions were shuttled off to the playing fields.

The parade steps off for the march past with B Maint leading.

Col W.J. Brewer awaits the march past atop the dias at the northern end of the McNaughton parade square. The flag party consists of Mr Jerry Apps (left) and Mr Steve Eastlake of the RCEME Association.

The sports for the day consisted of darts, euchre, baseball, golf, horseshoes, volleyball and for the finale a tug-of-war between B Maint and 1 CDSR Maint Tp. The teams with the exception of the tug-of-war were generally mixed between Base and 1 CDSR. Trophies were awarded as follows: the euchre championship team was MCpl Jerome Healey (B Maint) and Pte S.J. Fisher of (1 CDSR). Horseshoes went to MWO Dave Stanke (1 CDSR) and WO Roly Young (B Maint), the Golf Trophy was awarded to Mr Bob Nadon (B Maint), the lobball champs were 1 CDSR and volleyball was also won by 1 CDSR. The tug-of-war was an extremely hard fought battle which was narrowly won by 1 CDSR Maint Tp.

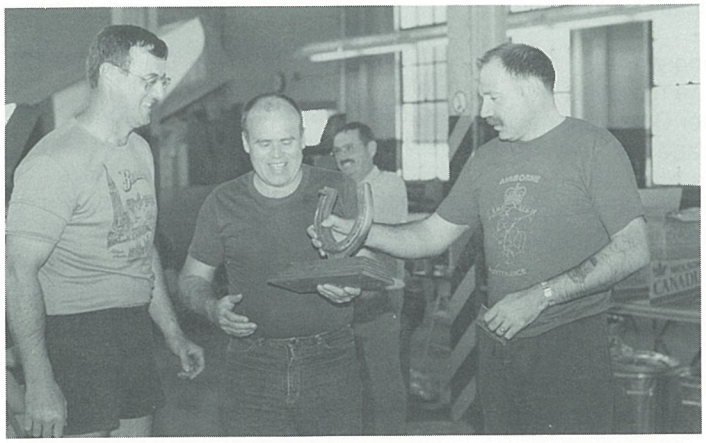
Col Brewer cut the LEME birthday cake with Pte G.W. Veley using the closest implement to a sword

A small reception was held in the second line repair shop prior to commencing sports.

Capt F.J. Keegan presents Col W.J. Brewer with an autographed print of the RCEME Gate as a memento of the day.

The birthday cake which was prepared and donated by Mrs Jeannette Howe and family.

Mcpl C.S. DeClou and Cpl S.J. Wolf give their all in the tug-of-war event which ended the day's sports competetion.



MWO Dave Stanke and WO Roly Young accept the Best Horseshoe team trophy from Capt F.J. Keegan.

MCpl Jerome Healey and Pte S.P. Fisher receive the trophy as the combat Euchre Champions.

available. Prior to his departure, Col Brewer was presented with an autographed sketch of the RCEME Gate, drawn by Mr Bob Campton, as a memento of the day.

As the sun began to set on the RCEME Gate, it signified not only the end of a fine day of comradeship and pride of service but also a beginning. It was evident by all who were in attendance that a new era was dawning in our branch history. This era may call for drastic measures and will require the undivided attention, dedication and upmost loyalty from all who now serve within the LEME branch. What better place to welcome back the horse and to renew our commitment than in the shadow of our Corps best know monument: the RCEME Gate.

The Horse Forcene that Returned

By WO T. Macey, BEME

On 15 May 91 the Land Electrical Mechanical Engineering (LEME) Branch will be rebadging. Formal parades across Canada will signify yet another change in the short history of the Maintainers (Land).

Let us turn back the clock to the start of this story. Maintainers of some sort or another have been an important part of army support since before the middle ages and the drastically changing needs since then have driven the evolution to the present day maintenance corps. Canada's Armed Forces roots do not stretch that far back and as far back as the maintainers are concerned the British system has been a major influence.

In 1896 the function of maintenance and storage of all military stores (ordnance) were brought together in the UK by the formation of the Army Ordnance Corps. Canada followed suit on 1 July 1903 when the Canadian Ordnance Corps was formed.

During World War I the increase in mechanization tremendously increased maintenance requirements which led to the formation of the Army Service Corps, the Royal Engineers and the Royal Tank Corps which had their own repair systems while the artillery relied on the Army Ordnance Corps for maintenance. Once again, Canada followed suit.

During World War II it was evident that duplication of maintenance functions was not efficient and a committee chaired by Sir William Beveridge investigated the problem. The resulting Beveridge Report led to the formation of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) in October 1942. Canada responded with some organization changes and on 15 May 1944 the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) came into being.

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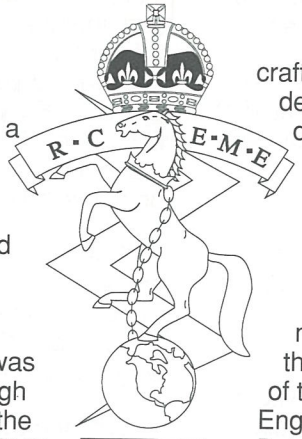

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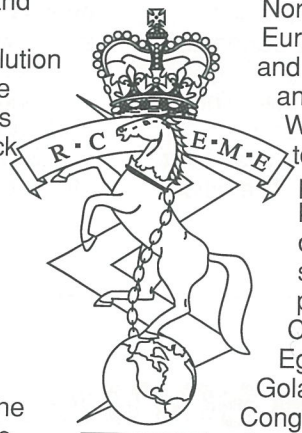

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By the late sixties, the Corps had a proud tradition firmly entrenched in its roots. A superb reputation was earned through dedication to the units that RCEME supported from North West Europe (D-Day and VE-Day), Sicily and Italy during World War II to Korea to peace-keeping duties in such places as Cyprus, Egypt, the Golan, the Congo, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. The craftsmen of RCEME were both decorated and "unsung" heroes displaying acts of bravery under fire and performing momentous maintenance tasks.

Integration transformed the Corps from the maintainers of RCEME into the tri-service land maintainers of the Land Ordnance Engineering Branch (LORE) on 1 February 1968 (the official birthday was 1 June 1968). Many personnel felt that we had lost our tradition and there was much resistance to change. Also because the LORE did not adequately define our function, as RCEME did, another change was needed.

Many proposals such as CREME and CEME were looked at but LEME won out. The "Electrical and Mechanical Engineers" portion of the name brings back some familiarity and more adequately reflects our function. So on 15 May 1984, forty years after the original birth of RCEME, the Land Ordnance Engineering Branch ceased to exist with the birth of the Land Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (LEME).

With the name change came a movement to replace our current cap badge with one that reflected our new name and our ties with our maintenance tradition. The old "RCEME Horse" was proposed and readily accepted across the Branch. A few changes were needed to reflect a true "Canadian" badge hence the letters "RCEME" were replaced with the new short form of the branch both in English and French. The left side of the scroll which had "RC" was replaced with "EME" (Electrical Mechanical Engineering) and the right "EME" was replaced with "GEM" (Genie Electrique Mechanique). The coronet of four fleur-de-lis around the neck was replaced by a coronet of four maple leafs. A few other minor changes also took place.

Pictured below are the four past and the new present badges of RCEME/LORE/LEME along with the dates and brief description of each.

The first RCEME badge was taken into wear in May 1944. It consisted of three shields representing Armament, Vehicle and Telecommunication surrounded by a laurel wreath.

In June 1949, a new badge was struck. Its official description is as follows:

Superimposed upon a lightening flash, a horse forcene, gorged with a coronet of four fleur-de-lis, a chain reflexed over its back and standing on a globe inscribed with the Western Hemisphere. Superimposed across the lightening flash behind the horse's head, a scroll inscribed "RCEME"; the whole surmounted by the Crown (Tudor Crown).

The horse forcene and the chain are symbols of power under control and the lightening flash of electrical engineering. The horse forcene also forms part of the crest of the British Institution of Mechanical Engineers and, together with the lightening flash, is intended to mark the close relationship between Mechanical and Electrical Engineers in the Army and in civil life. The globe is indicative of the impact of mechanical engineering on the world generally.

The badge underwent a minor change in 1952 by the changing of the Tudor Crown to the St. Edward's Crown upon the coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

With the transformation of the Corps to the LORE Branch on 1 February 1968 and further complimented by Engineers and Technicians of the Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Canadian Navy, a new badge was to be struck. The new badge was authorized in November 1973 but not available for general issue until 1975. The official description is as follows:

Within a wreath of Stylized Maple Leaves d'or, a cartouche azure d'or charged with a convex equilateral triangle d'or voided and surmounted by two cannon barrels in Saltine d'or. In front and in pole a lightening flash d'argent. The whole is surmounted by the royal crown proper.

The LORE/LEME badge adequately depicted the maintenance functions of the Branch: the crossed cannons for the weapons technician; the lightning flash for the electrical/ electronic trade (FCS); and the rotary or engineers triangle for the vehicle technician and the officers corps.

On 15 May 1991, the forty seventh birthday of the RCEME Corps, the new badge with the changes as noted above will be formally taken into service. The new badge will be worn with pride and will enhance the history and tradition that all our personnel young and old can be proud of and strive to uphold.

Rebadging of EME Personnel from C Sqn, RCD, CFB Gagetown

Not only will 15 May 91 be remembered as a special day in history for EME tradesmen throughout the Forces, it also proved to be a memorable day for the technicians from C Sqn, RCD in CFB Gagetown. Being the only major holder of Leopard tanks in Canada, the maint personnel from C Sqn take pride in knowing they are performing a unique service within the EME Branch. This is demonstrated by the esprit de corps and camaraderie from within Maint Tp.

Maint Tp consists of nine veh tech, three wpns techs, three FCS techs and one Mat tech. Although small in numbers, Maint Tp carries a large tradition of performing their job in the RCEME fashion. When it's time to work, we work hard and when it's time to play, we play hard.

On the return of the horse as our new cap badge, it will help to

Maint Tp, C Sqn, RCD, CFB Gagetown during their 1990 fall exercise in the training area.

reinforce, and in some cases build, new camaraderie among the various trades in the EME family.

Rebadging ceremonies for C Sqn personnel in Gagetown were conducted in two phases. Due to an operational requirement, only a portion of the EME personnel were able to attend the rebadging ceremonies with the rest of the Branch in Gagetown. The remainder of the Maint Tp were rebadged in the training area by the CO of C Sqn, Maj Glauninger.

Regardless of the location for the rebadging, the unanimous consensus from C Sqn was that it was an excellent time for change in the Branch. We believe that the new cap badge will enhance the spirits of all tradesmen and hopefully give the Branch some needed positive direction.

From all the EME personnel of C Sqn in Gagetown, to all EME Branch personnel in the CF, let us once again be recognized and let us once again demonstrate to the remainder of the Forces that we, the EME technicians, will continue to be a very important tool to keep the Forces moving for years to come.

"The Horse is Back"

The Horse has Returned to CFB Bagotville

by Cpl R. Lepage

Yes, the horse is back. Only those who have quite a few years of service behind them will remember the badge that was proudly worn by RCEME technicians.

On 15 May 1944, the Canadian Forces were enriched with a new Branch, RCEME, and this marked a major reorganization of the repair and maint services of the Canadian Army, overseas as well as in Canada and all this in the middle of the Second World War. On 27 Feb 1950 the badge with the horse appeared for the first time. During 1968, at the time of unification within the Forces, RCEME became LORE. A new badge therefore replaced the horse that was so special to so many: although the new badge was not distributed to the troops until 1973.

On 15 May 1984, during the 40th Anniversary of the RCEME Corps, the Branch changed its name to LEME. Finally, it is 15 May 91, and the horse is newly returned. This date, which represents the 47th Anniversary of the existence of the Branch, was chosen for the long awaited return of the horse.

The badge represents a horse forcene, superimposed by a lightning flash, a chain reflexed over its back and standing on a globe inscribed with the Western Hemisphere. The horse and the chain symbolizing power under control, forms part of the logo for the Institution for Mechanical Engineers and, along with the lightning flash of electrical engineering, is intended to mark the close relationship between the different engineering elements.

The Branch therefore joins other member countries of the Commonwealth who have chosen the horse as the badge to represent the Electrical and Mechanical units.

Arte et Marte (by skill and by fighting)

It was during a parade that the BTSO, LCol Dubeau, officially rebadged each member to BEME. Here, LCol Dubeau is presenting the new badge to Cpl J.E.A. Dubé.

The section used the commemorative day to take a picture of the whole "stable" and its officers.

Rebadging CFB Toronto

On 15 May 91, the BEME Branch of CFB Toronto celebrated the long awaited return of the "horse" as the symbol of the men and women of the EME Branch. The RCEME "horse" is known worldwide as the representation of a group of tradespersons whose excellence and determination have been acclaimed since the branch was formed in 1944. The guest of honour and reviewing officer for the parade was Capt (retd) J.G. Wilken M.C. who served with RCEME during World War Two. Capt Wilken earned his Military Cross in the action of Fosso Munio Crossing in Italy, December 1944, in which he organized and carried out crossing clearance and tank recovery under intense enemy shell and mortar fire. Capt Wilken presented the new cap badge to representatives of each of the rank levels and spoke of the traditions and history of the Branch to all those on and at the parade. After the parade, Capt Wilken and the B Maint O, Maj F.G. Clarke, performed the ceremonial first cut of the EME birthday cake, officially opening the barbecue and sports day festivities that followed. The parade and sports day events were participated in and enjoyed by all the members of B Maint Toronto and their families. It proved to be a most gratifying and fitting celebration of the return of the "horse" to our Branch.

Arte et Marte

15 May 1991: EME Day

by Capt. Stéphan Ipperciel

This year, at Longue-Pointe, organizers of the 47th Anniversary of the RCEME Corps wanted everyone involved, military and civilian, in the celebrations to mark the advent of the Corps' new insignia: a stallion. Presided by LGen K.R. Foster, the event brought together every member of the EME Branch employed in the Montreal area (Longue-Pointe, St-Hubert, Atwater, FMC HQ, Saint-Jean), that is to say some 200 service men and women. They paraded before the admiring gaze of some 300 spectators, under a bright summer sun.

Following this stirring parade, which wrenched the hearts of RCEME veterans from 23 years ago, sports events had been arranged to suit the inclinations of just about everyone who wished to take part in horseshoes, volleyball, softball, petanque, tug-of- war and, in the end, an obstacle race, called a tabloid, was run. The Vehicle and Armament division team won the championship trophy and the prize for the team fielding the most participants. the most honest team, i.e. the team that came in last, the Operations and Outside Agencies division team, did not go unnoticed.

While these sports competitions were going on, games and small sweepstakes drew crowds of their own and, together with the sales of hot dogs, raised a profit that more than covered our $1000 contribution to the EME monument, which will be unveiled on 15 May 94 at EME House at Borden, Ont. The cheque was presented to BGen R.N. Fischer at the last mess dinner of the EME Association on 18 June 91. Funds left over will be deposited to be used for the 45th Anniversary celebrations of 202 WD on 1 Oct 91.

Finally, a parade of champions, formed behind the Branch's new banner, its insignia a rearing stallion symbolizing our esprit de corps, closed the games of the 47th RCEME Anniversary by marching past our CO, Col J.A.Y. St-Laurent. There is no doubt that this day shall remain etched in our memories for a long time to come.

EME Day Celebrations at CFB Suffield (Dry Gulch)

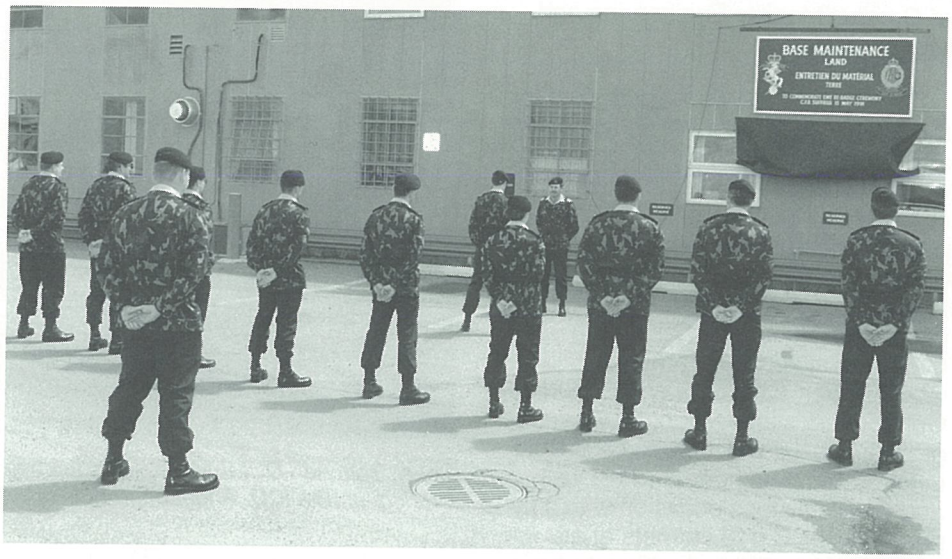
15 May 1991 was a very special day for the eleven military and nineteen civilian members of Base Maint (BML) at CFB DRY GULCH. It was the day that "The horse came back" and what a day it was!

It started off as any other day in Suffield with all tradesmen diligently actioning recovery calls from Range Control, repairing all types of unique D.R.E.S. (Defence Research Establishment Suffield) Kit such as M.E.R.V. and trouble shooting priority BATUS (British Army Training Unit Suffield) problems. However, at 1300 hrs, Range Control remained stuck, M.E.R.V. ran like a charm and all BATUS priorities were resolved until 0800 hrs. the next morning as, with the assistance of the A/B Comd, LCol Whitman (BTSO) and many other spectators including the RSM and the 2 I/C of the BATUS workshop "The Horse came back" in grand style.

Under the direction of the B Maint O, the Prod O, WO B. Kaines, organized all events for the afternoon including a parade, a traditional sporting event, a fine barbecue at "Checkpoint Charlie", that infamous watering hole known only to a few privileged EME personnel.

BML at Suffield not only rebadged but also set the standard for new building signs. In keeping with fine Branch tradition, all work, less sign construction and painting, was performed by very talented EME tradesmen including our unveiling device designed by our highly capable Mat Tech, Cpl E. Wilson.

Once we had impressed the entire base with our tremendous ceremony, a small reception was held where our most junior tradesman cut the cake with the ceremonial sword. From there, the unparalleled prowess of EME personnel was demonstrated in a match of "blind" volleyball that left the crowd in awe. Finally, all EME and civilian members of the wksp RV'd at "Checkpoint Charlie" to put a few beer "down range" and reminisce about EME events past and present.



The BTSO, LCol Whitman, congratulates the military personnel of BML Suffield on their rebadging parade and for a job well done.

The sign that sets the standard for all Maint Wksps as erected on 15 May 91, CFB Suffield. Designed and erected by EME personnel, this sign signifies a proud tradition of success for our Branch.

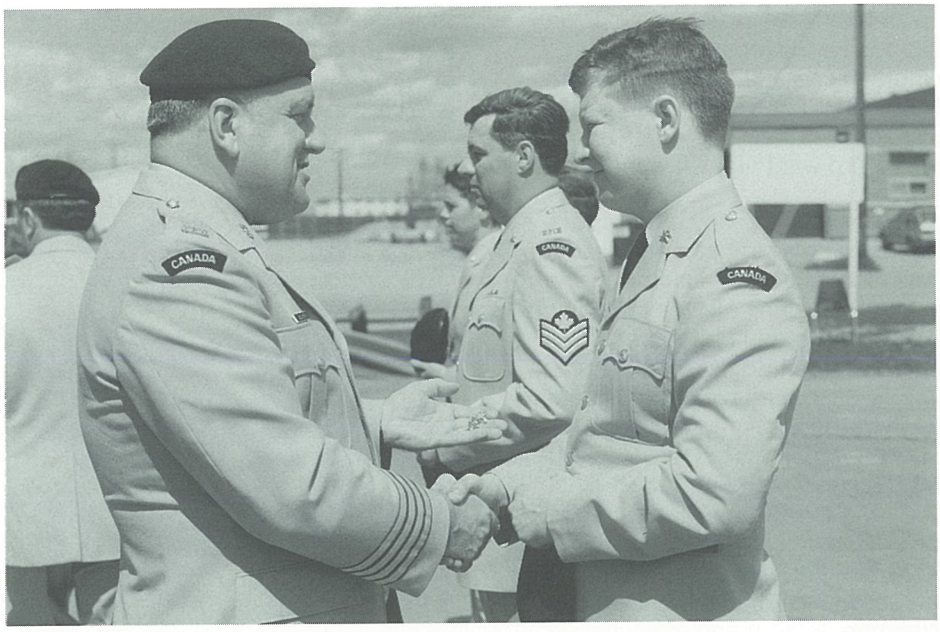
CFB Cold Lake Celebrates the Return of "the Horse"

On 16 May 91, LEME personnel of CFB Cold Lake celebrated RCEME's 47th birthday with a rebadging parade and games afternoon. the guest of honour, and reviewing officer for the parade, was Col A. Boucher, Director of Combat Mobility Engineering and Maintenance.

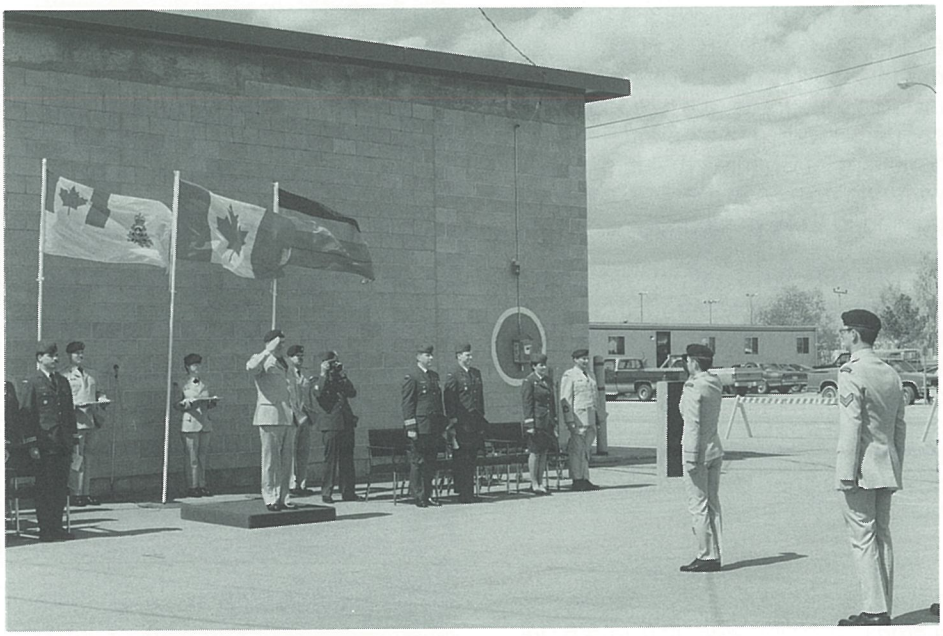
Though no records were broken for the quantity of personnel participating at this event, there is no doubt that its quality was first-rate. The afternoon commenced with the official rebadging parade and among the honoured guest were the Acting B Comd, LCol L. Hawn, and the BTSO, LCol R.R. Ryan. Col Boucher received the General Salute from Parade Commander, Capt S.L. Wigg. During Col Boucher's inspection, he was given a special welcome to CFB Cold Lake as 441 Sqn honoured his visit and EME's historic occasion with a fly past of three CF-18 Hornets at an altitude which left no doubt as to their intention.

As is tradition, Col Boucher presented the first new EME badges to the parade appointments, Capt Wigg, MWO P.E. Lussier and Sgt R.P. Anderson, as well as to the youngest EME Craftsman, Pte K.D. Armstrong. He then moved through the ranks and presented each of the 19 technicians with their new badge.

Following the parade, all guests and participants moved to the EME "Patio" for the cake cutting ceremony and games. An elaborately decorated cake, depicting the new EME hat badge, had been prepared compliments of Base Foods Services and was the centre of several groups photographed as Col Boucher cut the first piece. To kick off the games, Col Boucher and LCol Ryan were challenged to the first game of horseshoes by MWO Lussier and Pte Armstrong. The BEMEO was the official referee and to satisfy all curiosity, the officers did win.



Col A. Boucher, DCMEM, presents the new EME badge to the youngest EME Craftsman, Pte K.D. Armstrong. Sgt R.P. Anderson is in the background.



Col A. Boucher accepts the General Salute from Parade Commander, Capt S.L. Wigg.

All in all, the afternoon of 16 May 91 was much mort than a success. It was a proud display of our EME spirit and dedication to the EME Branch. The strength of tradition, identity and heritage in any military organization plays an immense part in fostering a cohesive team spirit and sense of belonging. The return of the "Horse" has been a significant event for the EME Family. We are all proud and welcome the "Horse" back with open arms.

Arte et Marte

The members who received the new hat badge, some already changed for the sports day.

Rebadging Parade 16 May 91 CFA Denison

By Lt Daniel Roy, OIC Maint Pl, 25 (Toronto) Svc Bn

A great parade was had by all! Many of the 31 EME personnel on parade had never served under the "old badge" but nevertheless the enthusiasm was just as high as that of the "old boys". The parade was held at CFA Denison and hosted by 25 (Toronto) Svc Bn Maint Pl. The reviewing officer was Honourary LCol F.D. MacDonald CD, former CO 1 Svc Bn (Feb 66- Oct 69) and a long time member of the EME Branch. The parade was commanded by Maj J.L. Hutchison CD, the DCO of 25 Svc Bn and former OC 25 Maint Coy.

In attendance were EME personnel from 25 Svc Bn and other Toronto District units including the Governor General's Horse Guards, the Royal Regiment of Canada, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, the Queen's York Rangers, 709 Communications Regiment, one RSS EME Sgt and several members of the Toronto chapter LEME Association. A celebration was held in the 25 Svc Bn's Sgts Mess after the parade, giving all a chance to exchange stories and strengthen the ties amongst the EME personnel in the Toronto area.

This was one historic moment that many of us had been waiting for many years.

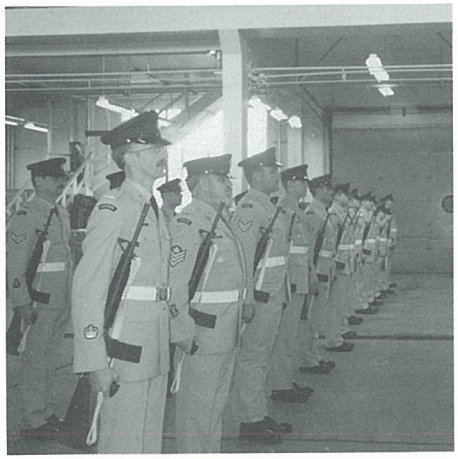
Arte et Marte

The Horse is Back in Newfoundland

By: LCol J.A.G. Langlois, CO 36 (Nfld) Svc Bn

On 17 May 91, members of the LEME Branch in Newfoundland were rebadged, officially returning the horse as the emblem of the maintainers on the island. The ceremony, involving members of CFB Gander (AIRCOM), CFS St. John's (MARCOM), 36 (Nfld) Svc Bn (Militia/FMC) and 728 Comm Sqn (Reserve/CFCC), was held in the wksp at CFS St. John's. This wide representation of the maintainers of the CF was complemented by civilian employees and some retired members of the LEME Branch who attended as spectators. Col W. Svab, Col Comdt of the LEME Branch, was the guest of honour while the Presiding Officer was LCol J.A.G. Langlois, CO 36 (Nfld) Svc Bn.

The parade, led by WO W.J. Norman from CFS St. John's, showed skilful weapons drill as it prepared for the ceremonies and presented arms at the arrival of the dignitaries. Following the inspection of the 26 maintainers on parade, Sgt L.F. Pearce, from CFB Gander, read the history of the LEME Branch. He and Sgt F.J. Quirk, from 36 (Nfld) Svc Bn, then presented the trays containing the new hat badges to Col Svab who blessed them. The rebadging party then proceeded along the ranks and replaced the old LEME badge by "THE HORSE" on the headdress of each member on parade. Of course, many comments were made relating to the significance of the occasion and the wide acceptance of the new hat badge. To complete the official ceremonies, Col Svab addressed the parade, highlighting the

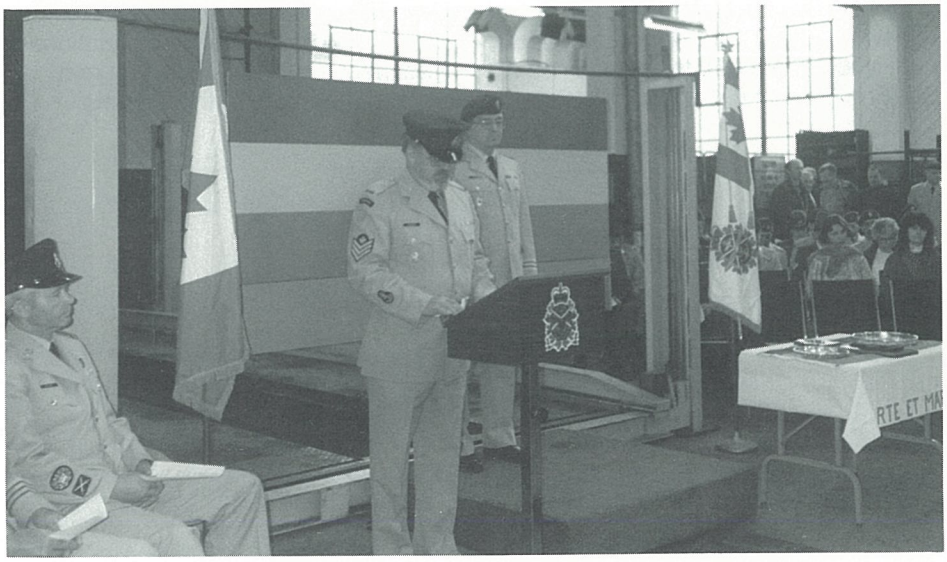


EME personnel on rebadging parade are from SEME CFS St John's, BEME CFB Gander, Maint Coy 36 (Nfld) Svc Bn (militia) and 728 Reserve Comm Sqn.

The Col Comdt, Col W. Svab, and the CO 36 (Nfld) Svc Bn, LCol J.A.G. Langlois, inspecting guard prior to rebadging.

Col W. Svab blesses the new badges prior to rebadging. The badges are carried by Sgt L.F. Pearce and Sgt F.J. Quirk (foreground). LCol J.A.G. Langlois looks on.

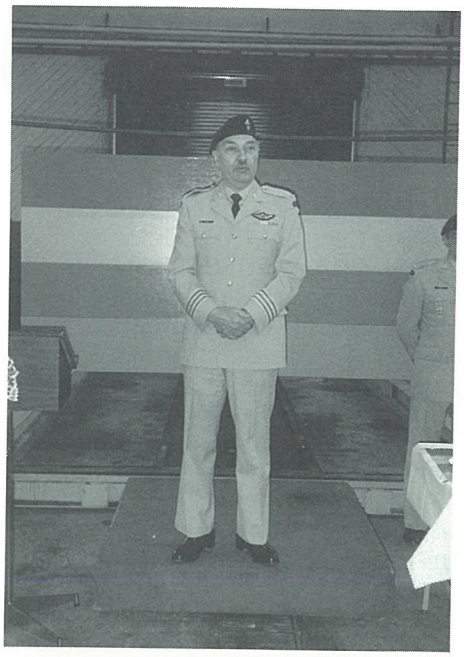
WO H.L. Butler, from 36 (Nfld) Svc Bn, being rebadged by Col W. Svab. The badge bearer, Sgt L.F. Pearce, is from BEME CFB Gander.



Sgt L.F. Pearce, from CFB Gander, presents the history of the LEME Branch.

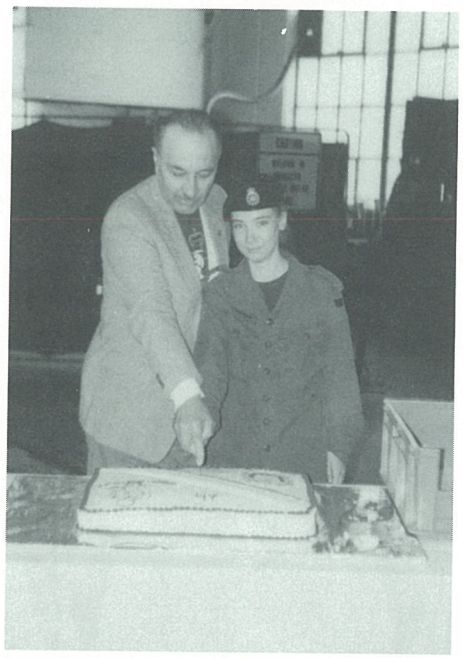
WO Bill Norman, from CFS ST. John's, being rebadged by Col W. Svab.

Cpl Jody Stewart, of EME Sect CFS St. John's, receiving new badge from LCol J.A.G. Langlois.



Col W. Svab addressing the rebadging parade at CFS St John's.

accomplishment of the LEME Branch and talking of his hope for continued success for all in our Branch. He made the point that as we are closing in on our 50th Anniversary, we must stand behind our history and continue to enhance the good reputation of the LEME Branch.



EME birthday cake being cut by Col W. Svab and the only (at that time) female Wpns Tech with 36 (Nfld) Svc Bn, Cfn M.A. Lundrigan.

Following the official ceremonies, the maintainers and their guests celebrated the occasion with a barbecue and sports afternoon. This was a great opportunity for developing close ties between the maintainers of the various elements of the CF who work in Nfld. In all, everybody had a great day thanks to the efforts of WO Norman, Sgt Pearce and Sgt Quirk who were the driving force to organize this most successful activity.

EME Rebadging in CFB Chatham

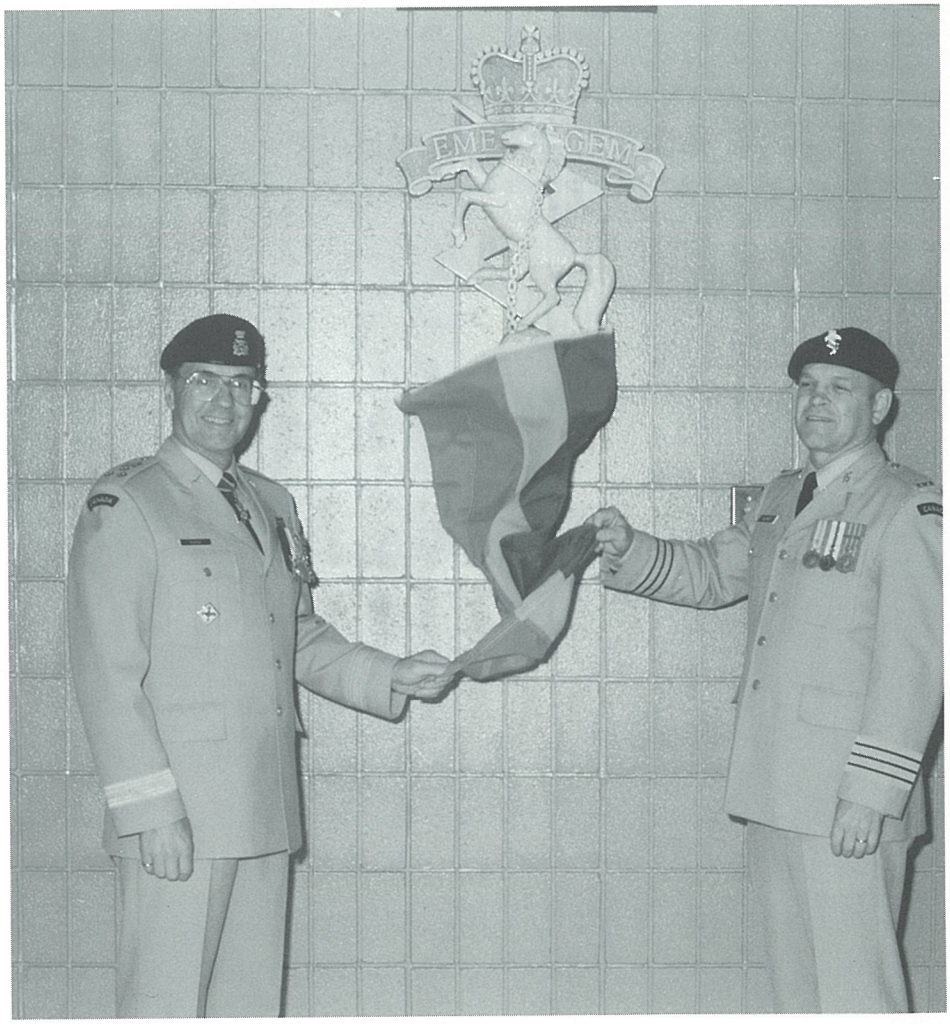
By Capt G.A. Crowe

On 17 May 91, the Air Defence Artillery School, 119 Air Defence Battery RCA and CFB Chatham B Maint paraded to commemorate the changing of the EME cap badge. The parade was attended by various present and retired "maintainers" and the reviewing officer was the Commander FMC, LGen K.R. Foster.

As it often happens in the Chatham area, the day was plagued by rain but this did not dampen the spirits of those participating in the festivities. The parade was moved inside, and after the inspection, a representative of each rank, here in Chatham, was rebadged by LGen Foster, with assistance from the PM LLAD, Col J.G.G. Nappert. It was a surprise to many to learn that the Commander FMC wore the RCEME cap badge when he first joined the CF as a member of the militia.

After the pomp and circumstances was over there was a stand up luncheon at which time the various ranks of the EME community had the opportunity to rekindle some old friendships and talk about the long awaited return of our past insignia. From all the EME personnel here at CFB Chatham we are glad to once again wear the cap badge and will wear it with the pride of our Branch history.

Pte P.L. Dominey of B Maint is being rebadged by LGen K.R. Foster, CMM, CD and Col J.G.G. Nappert, CD, as the Air Defence Artillery School Comdt, LCol B.S. Saunders, CD, looks on.



LGen K.R. Foster and Col J.G.G. Nappert unveil the new EME insignia at the Air Defence Artillery School.

LEME Rebadging on P.E.I.

In spite of inclement weather, 17 May 91 was a festive occasion as all members of the LEME Corps on P.E.I. anticipated "the return of the HORSE". A parade was called to rebadge the Corps and to present a refurbished M-38 to the Prince Edward Island Regiment (PEIR).

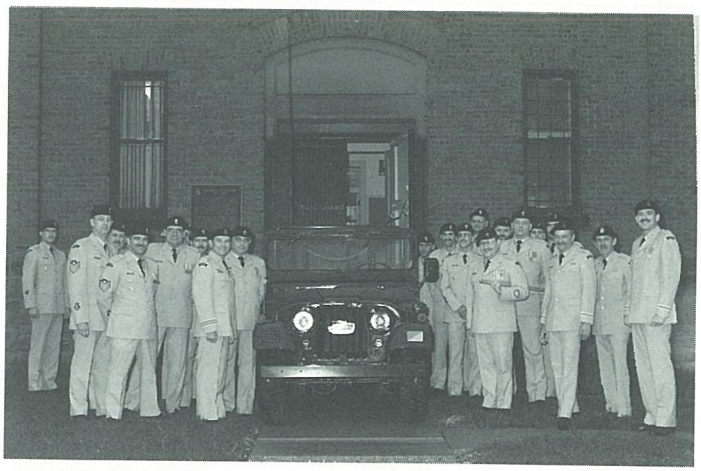
The CO of P.E.I. Regiment, LCol S.D. Hopping, CD, presented the badges to the combined gathering of regular force and reserve Craftsmen and NCO's. The parade also was a thank you from LCol Hopping, the P.E.I. Regiment and 721 Comm Sqn for the many years of support given by BEME to the reserves. As of 1991, Halifax will be the support base for 2nd line and a MSS Detachment will handle first line.

After the parade and presentation, the P.E.I. Regiment hosted all EME personnel to a barbecue and party.

Thank you LCol Hopping, the P.E.I.Regiment, the RSS and CFB Summerside for a memorable parade and barbecue.

LCol S.D. Hopping presents the new badge to MCpl D.G. MacMillan, 421 Wpns Tech.

LCol S.D Hopping inspects MCpl D.G. MacMillan, Cpl K.E. Boyce and Cfn R.R. Ward. The BEMEO, MWO W.P. Hughes, looks on.



Members of the P.E.I. Regiment and of LEME, with the rebuilt M-38, in front of B Sqn PEIR Armouries in Summerside.

The Return of the Horse to FMCHQ

The return of the Horse, as the symbol of the EME Branch could not pass unnoticed, so the officers of the Maint Sect in FMCHQ decided to bring this occasion to the attention of their fellow workers on 17 May 1991.

After having received an invitation from the SSO Maint, LCol D.N. Redman, all of the FMCHQ officers met at the Mess to celebrate this happy event. At the entrance to the Mess, two solid M578 stood guard, proud, fit and ready (if necessary) to tow anyone who would need it at the end of this memorable occasion.

Upon their arrival, the invited guests were confronted with a receiving line of eight officers and gentlemen of the EME Branch. The guests received a warm handshake from LCol Redman who then invited them to carry on down the receiving line to receive a souvenir in honour of the Return of the Horse, as well as a beer. The guests approached warily. A second, third and fourth handshake

Front row (left to right): LCol D.N. Redman, Capt E. Chappell. Back row (left to right): Capt P. Bates, Capt D. Proulx, Maj O.Z. Kobylansky, Capt M. Regush, Capt R. Landry.

from Maj O.Z. Kobylansky and Capts R. Landry and R. Gobin relaxed their guard a little, but tension was still high. Now at the mid-point of the reception line they still had four more "mechanics" to face!

The handshake with Capt P. Bates was as warm as the others but much stickier...finally the guests had received their gift: A NUT AND BOLT COVERED IN GREASE. To get the guests repaired and back on the road, Capt. D. Proulx gave them a few CFTO pages to wipe their hands while Capts E. Chappell and M. Regush consoled them with a beer.

After all of the guests had passed through the receiving line, LCol Redman regaled them with the history of the EME Branch followed by many toasts.

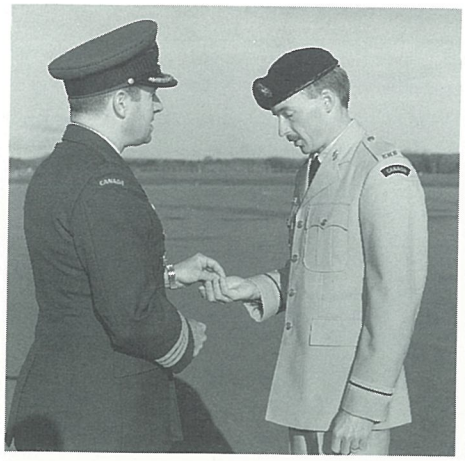
P.S. If you ever step foot in the St. Hubert Officers Mess, you are strongly urged to not lose sight of your EME hat badge since certain individuals have still not gotten over being tricked so easily.

EME Rebadging and Birthday Celebrations - The Horse is Back

The month of May has always held some significance to the BEME Sect, but this year especially so. On 23 May 91, BEME held a parade to commemorate a historic event. We removed the old LORE/LEME cap badge and rebadged with the new EME horse; the reared up white stallion pulling the earth which is based on the original RCEME cap badge. The parade took place on a beautiful sunny Annapolis Valley morning. The BTSO, LCol L.G. Gillis, was the reviewing officer. The BTSO's address highlighted the importance of this proud and historic event.

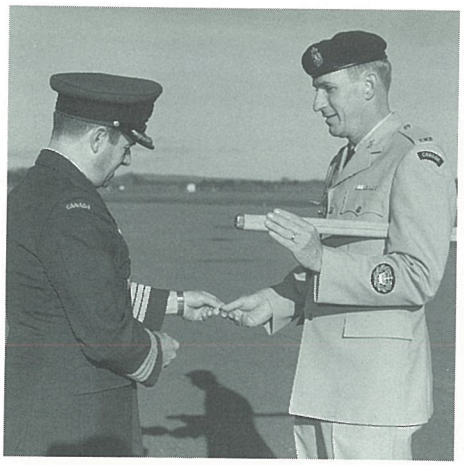
This rebadging was also very significant from a personal viewpoint, Sgt A.L. Deal, MCpl T.C. Foster, MCpl A. MacKinnon and Cpl M.W. Arbuckle were all originally enroled in RCEME in the '60s under the original badge. As it was only fitting, they were the first to be presented with the new badge by the BTSO. Also equally significant is the fact that MCpl MacKinnon will be retiring in June after 24 years of dedicated service. Best wishes for the future, Tony. The original badge's roots go back to the Second World War, 15 May 44, when RCEME was established. In the late '60s unification resulted in RCEME being renamed Land Ordnance Engineering (LORE) and our present badge was created. We then became LEME in the late '80s and in Oct 90 official approval was granted to the new EME badge, very similar to the original RCEME badge with minor revisions.

"I remember the day we got the LORE cap badge" said Sgt Deal of BEME, "we were up to our knees in mud in Hohenfels, Germany. All the maint units in the brigade were together for it. I'm glad we've got the horse back" he added.

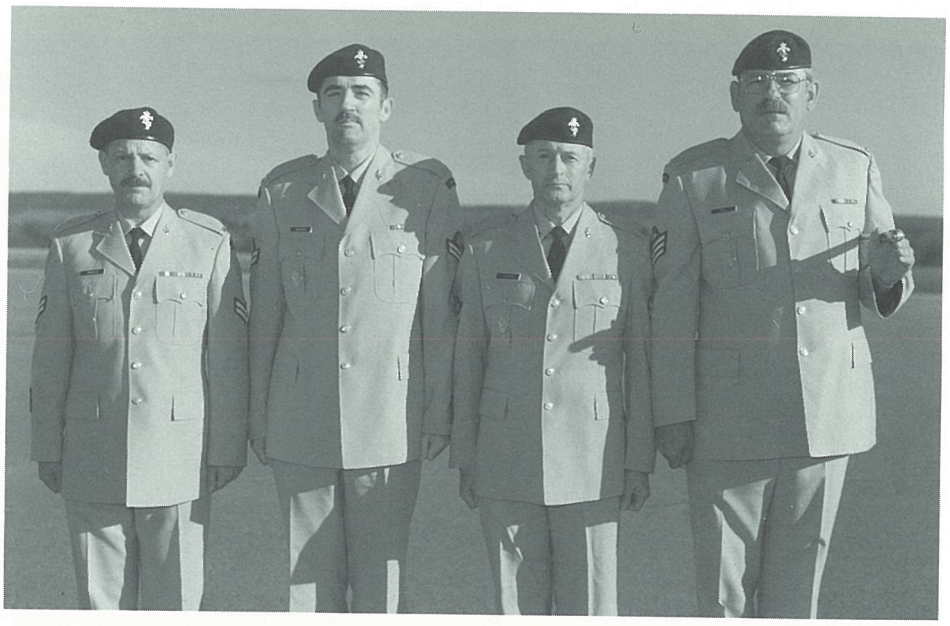


LCol L.G. Gillis presenting Capt T.X. Yaworski with the new EME cap badge.

LCol L.G. Gillis inspecting the BEME parade 23 May 91.



LCol L.G. Gillis presenting MWO W.D. Phillips with his new cap badge. This is the first time our ETSM will wear and EME horse.



Cpl M.W. Arbuckle, MCpl A. MacKinnon, MCpl T.C. Foster and Sgt A.L. Deal, after being presented with the new EME cap badge. The four men wore the original RCEME cap badge in the 1960s.

Not to be forgotten are those who originally enroled in the RCAF and were brought into LORE at the time of unification. BEME has the privilege of having one such individual, MWO W.D. Phillips, the ETSM, whose first posting was to CFB Greenwood in May 65 as a fresh new veh tech.

Another highlight of the parade was the Reviewing Officer's announcement of the promotion to Sgt of MCpl Foster effective 1 July 91. Congratulations and well done, Tom.

Staying with the EME theme, on 15 May 91 our EME Birthday, BEME held a sports day at the picnic grounds. For once, the weather cooperated, so much so, that we had a few lobsters the next day. We had various unusual sporting events such as rope bridge race, starter throw, etc., all carefully thought out by Cpl Wayne Miles. Four teams from BEME and MTC Aldershot competed for the coveted first place trophy. It looked, from the start, that the "Tim's Bits" team had a hold on first place, but "Ellis's Fellas" from Aldershot won the wiener bite and the tug-of-war. (I guess their mouths are the same size as their biceps). When all the points were tallied, there was a tie for first and a showdown was required. Four members from each team were given 2 beer and 2 pickled

eggs. Aldershot surprised us all by having more manners (or less appetite) for such culinary pleasures, and therefore were slower, thus forfeiting first place to "Tim's Bits". Third place went to "Phillips' Screwdrivers" and the back end of the horse went to "Foster's Kids".

Lunch was barbecued by our chief cook and barbecue maker, Cpl Steve Cox. Cpl Miles donated some lovely deer steaks and burgers, and the Combined Mess contributed a batch of the finest chili we have ever had.

It certainly was a great day. A warm "well done" goes out to the organizers, MCpl Gord Semegen, Cpl Miles and their committee.

Arte et Marte - By skill and by fighting

Long Live the Horse

BEME Greenwood posed for a group picture to show off the new cap badge.

"Tim's Bits" should have tried eating whole doughnuts before the tug-of-war. Despite losing every pull, they came out on top at EME sports day 1991. Seen here are (left to right) Pte P.L. Parsons, Cpl K.A. Hickey, Pte J.C. Marginson, Capt T.X. Yaworski, Pte S.P. Drolet and anchorman Cpl W.C. Miles.

LEME Rebadging Ceremony - "The Horse is Back"

By Capt J.B.E. Desgagné

In May 1991, the LEME Branch wrote another page of its history. The old LEME badge, represented by an azure oval on which are superimposed a triangular rotor, crossed cannons and a five segment lightning flash surrounded by a wreath of ten maple leaves and surmounted by the St-Edwards crown, had been replaced.

The new LEME badge, represented by a horse forcene over a lightning bolt with a chain reflexed over its back and standing on a globe showing the western hemisphere, replaced the old badge on 24 May 91 during a rebadging ceremony held at Willow Park, CFB Halifax.

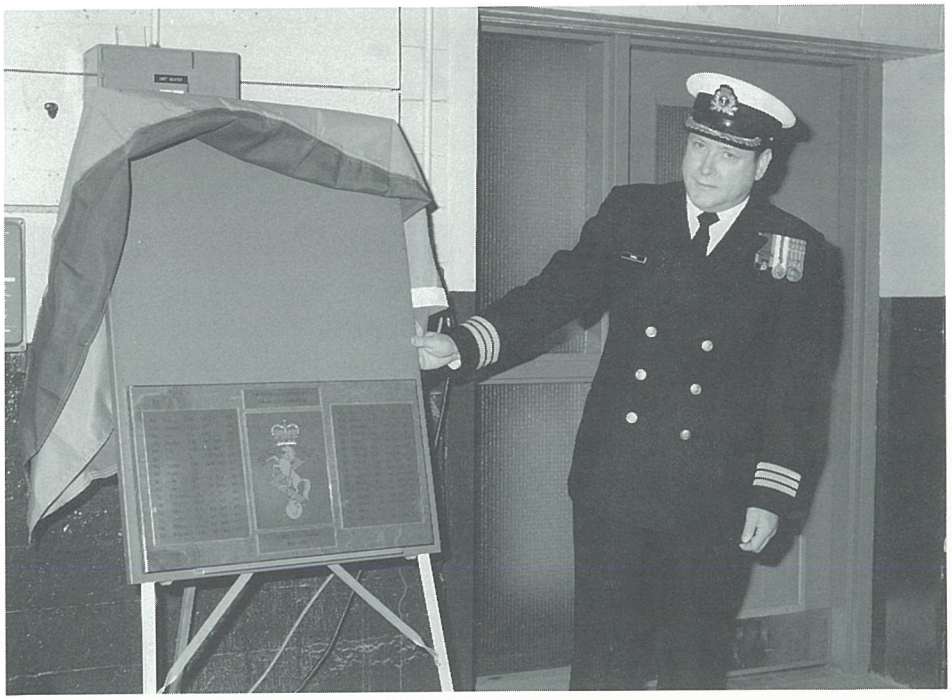
The BEMEO, Maj G.W. Ross, commanded the parade and the BTSO, Cdr G.A. Towill, was the reviewing officer for the ceremony.

A barbecue was set up after the parade, followed by an oversized LEME designed cake. Mr G. Mason Sutherland (RCEME Retd) received the honour of cutting the cake and serving up the first slice. He then gave an inspiring speech on behalf of the RCEME Assoc, Atlantic Div. Several social activities followed but the highlight was the arrival of Elvis "Woodfine" Presley, back from the ashes and escorted by his body guards. He quickly broke the hearts of the female audience while seducing them with his classical "Love Me Tender" song. The BEME Section country band concluded by singing light songs and giving an outstanding performance.

The BEMEO, Maj G.W. Ross, receives command of the rebadging parade from Capt P.J. Lee on 24 May 91.

The control officer, CWO R.W. Jennings receiving his new badge from the BTSO, Cdr G.A. Towill.

Cdr G.A. Towill presenting a plaque of the new LEME badge to Mr Allen (RCEME Retd) representing the RCEME Assoc, Atlantic Div.



Cdr G.A. Towill revealing the BEME section commemorative plaque during the rebadging parade held in Willow Park, CFB Halifax on 24 May 91.

The new LEME badge, approved by the Governor General in October 1990, is similar to the former RCEME Corps badge worn between 1949 and 1975 with a few minor distinctions. The main distinction is the replacement of "RCEME" on the ribbon with "EME" on the right side of the ribbon and "GEM" on the left.

The LEME Branch is proud to reintroduce the horse and chain, symbolizing "Power under Control", back to its true heritage.

Arte et Marte (By Skill and By Fighting)

The oversized LEME designed cake presented after the rebadging parade.

Canadian Forces Base Cornwallis, N.S.

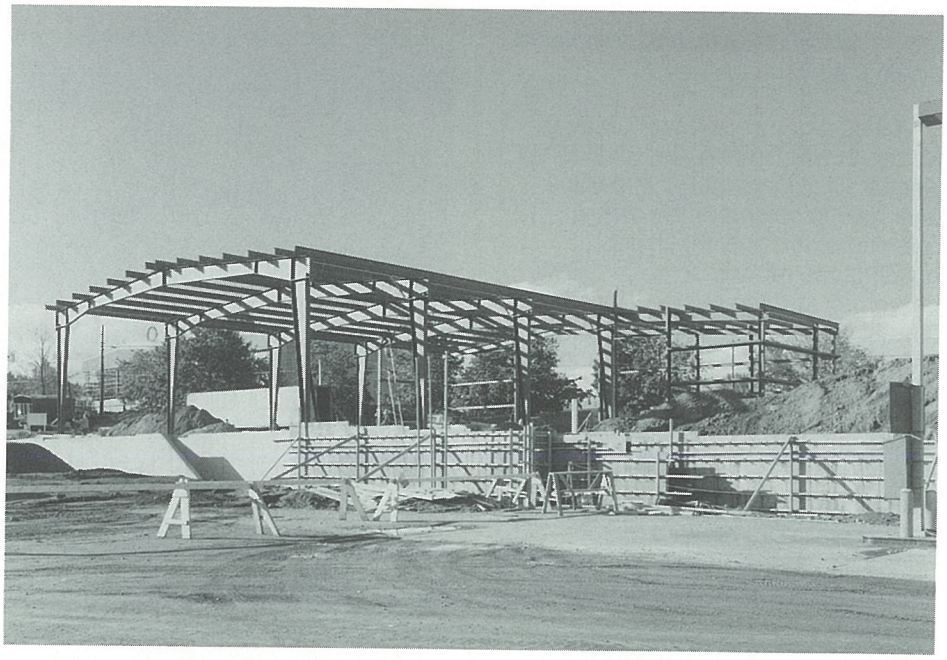
by MWO R.A. Aikens B Maint O

CFB Cornwallis is located approximately midway between beautiful Annapolis Royal, home of the Fort Anne Historical Park, and Digby, home of the world renowned scallop fleet.

CFB Cornwallis' primary role is to support the CF Recruit School and Lodger units. In addition, support is provided to the 84th Independent Field Battery RCA (Militia) in Yarmouth, six RCACC units and Camp Acadia (Sea Cadets) for a total supported staff of 451 military and 340 civilian personnel not including a fluctuating recruit population ranging from 500 to 700 personnel.

B Maint Sect is responsible for the servicing, repair and overhaul of all equipment, except telecommunications equipment and CFCC communication and electronic equipment.

Comprised of 15 personnel, seven, military and eight civilians, the sect is divided into four areas of responsibility; Control and Admin, one MWO Veh tech and one CR-02; Veh Repair, one Sgt Veh Tech and five VHE-09 mechanics responsible for 68 base vehicles, a host of ancillary equipment and 13 militia vehicles of the 84th Independent Filed Battery RCA; Weapons Repair Section, one Sgt and three Cpl/Pte Wpn Techs responsible for over 1200 weapons and miscellaneous equipment; and Boat Maint Sect, one civilian WOW 10 C2 Supervisor, one WOW 09 carpenter and one LS BOSN responsible for 96 sail and power boats and 41 motors. In peak periods, up to five months in the summer, an additional VHE 09 and ELE 02 are required to support the summer Sea Cadets activities at the Boat Maint Sect.



The main framework is up.

The new B Maint Sect's finished product.

On 26 Aug 90, the construction of a new 5,775 square foot B Maint Sect building was commenced with the contractor breaking ground. On 11 oct 90, the contractor started erecting steel and the building was completed on 20 May 91.

It was a proud day on 27 May 91 for the LEME Branch and for B Maint Sect at CFB Cornwallis. A parade was held to celebrate the official opening of the new maint sect building, the rebadging of six LEME personnel and the raising , for the first time at CFB Cornwallis, of the LEME flag, which now flies proudly in front of the new building.

Maj R.H. Stewart, the SO Maint of CFTSHQ, agreed to join us as our Reviewing Officer for the parade. The parade was commanded by the BTSO, Maj D.B. Murray, who received the parade from the BTNO, Capt R.J. Arsenault.

The parade accomplished three things: all members of the LEME Branch of B Maint Sect were presented with their new hat badges and collar dogs by the Reviewing Officer; the B Comd, BTSO, Reviewing Officer and B Maint O participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony to symbolize the official opening of the new Maint Sect building; and the B Maint O and the youngest LEME member of the section, Pte I.E. Carter, raised the LEME flag.

As of the date of the parade, B Maint Sect became its own section directly responsible to the BTSO and no longer a part of Base Transport.

Last, but not least, in the spirit of good EME tradition, a well deserved reception was held after the parade at the BaseSocial Centre.

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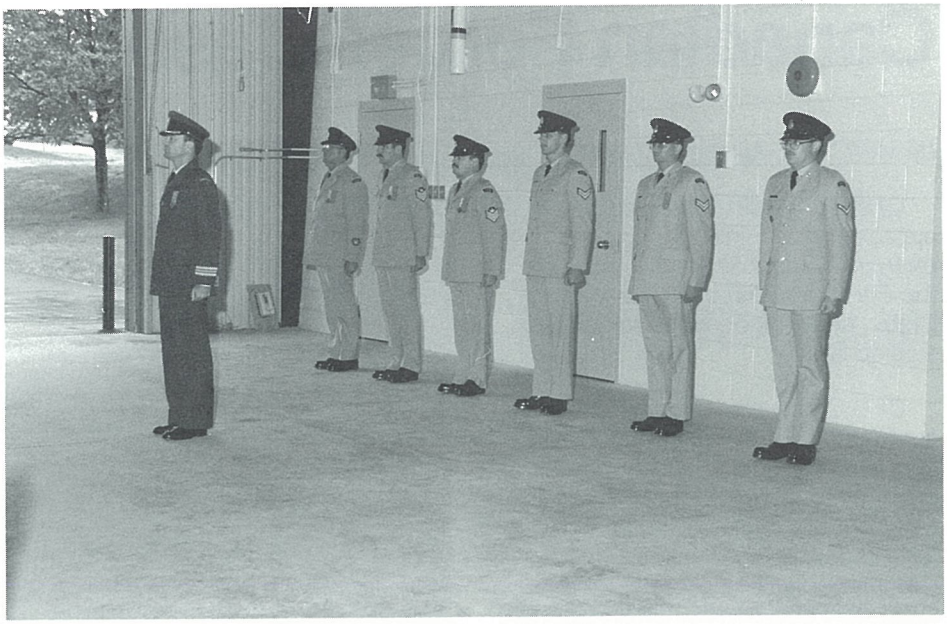

(left to right) Maj D.B. Murray, parade commander, with B Maint personnel waiting to be rebadged. These include MWO R.A. Aikens, Sgt F.J. White, Sgt R.G. Stewart, Cpl D.J. Brillant, Cpl D.A. Lorrette and Pte I.E. Carter.

(left to right) Pictured above, cutting the official opening ribbon of the new B Maint Sect are: Maj R.H. Stewart, SO Maint CFTSHQ; Maj D.B. Murray, BTSO; Col L.J. Noiles, B Comd; and MWO R.A. Aikens, B Maint O. Looking on are members of the B Maint Sect: Mr Don Abbott, Mr Seldon Trimper, Mr Wayne Clayton, Mr Rick Shorey, Mrs Susan Phillips, Mr Earle Wright and Mr Zeke Croscup.

Maintainers Rebadge

On 29 May 91, Capt(N) A.M. Baird presided over the official rebadging ceremony of Base EME maintainers at CFB Moncton. The new badge is very similar in style and pattern to the RCEME badge worn prior to integration of the Canadian Forces.

In his address to the Base EME personnel, Capt(N) Baird spoke of the history of the EME Branch and particularly its evolution from RCEME to LORE to LEME and finally EME. And, although these changes in title are indicative of the changing times we live in, the high standard of support provided to the CF by the EME Branch has remained constant.

Following a photo session, the Maintainers enjoyed a luncheon where the topic of conversation was the new badge and, perhaps, the new berets the BEMEO insisted were required to properly display them.

Front Row (L to R) Sgt J. Papillon, MCpl R. Foley, MCpl D. Davey, MCpl F. Maillet
Back Row (L to R) Wo D. Hansen (BEMEO), MCpl N. Kilpatrick (5 CFSD), MCpl A. Maidment, CplP.Johnson, Cpl L. Theriault
Missing from photo: Sgt M. Laramée

CFE LEME Personnel Rebadge

by Capt. D.J. Janelle

The Land Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Branch in CFE recently celebrated its 47th birthday with a variety of visits and events.

LEME week 1991 (27 May to 4 June) began with the arrival of the Branch Col Comdt, Col W. G. Svab on 27 May. Over the next three days, the Col Comdt conducted courtesy calls and visited the Maint organisations in Lahr and Baden-Soellingen and 4 Svc Bn. He gathered positive impressions from the many tradesmen he held conversations with on their feeling towards the rebadging ceremony that was to occur later in the week.

During his distinguished career, the Col Comdt has worn each of the five different hat badges of the Branch and was pleased to note that the younger tradesmen identified themselves more with the "Horse", despite its absence of 16 years, than with the previous badge. The LEME officers of 1 Canadian Division Forward and Base/ CSG/CFE units hosted, in turn, dinners on 28 and 29 May in honour of the Col Comdt during which he addressed many of these thoughts to those in attendance.

The culmination of LEME week was the rebadging ceremony thatwas held on 31 May in Lahr behind the HQ of 4 Svc Bn. With the Director General Land Engineering and Maintenance (DGLEM), BGen R.N. Fischer, and the Col Comdt present, all LEME personnel in CFE were rebadged to the new and distinctive "Horse".

Four 100 man guards drawn from all units employing LEME officers and tradesmen were present on parade with the Branch Col Comdt acting as Reviewing Officer. The senior EME member in CFE, LCol R.A. Gillespie, CO 4 Svc Bn, and the junior EME craftsman, Cfn R.R. Brown, B Maint Lahr, were rebadged by BGen Fischer and the Col Comdt respectively. Parade members were then rebadged by the parade commander, LCol Gillespie, while the EME spectators in attendance complied with his words of command. Prior to the actual rebadging ceremony, the Cpl Glen Benoit Memorial Award was presented to Cpl B.D. Thibeault, a Mat Tech, from 4 Svc Bn. This award is given annually to a LEME Craftsman/ Cpl in CFE who best exemplifies soldierly, technical and leadership abilities.

The rebadging parade complete, EME sportsmen took to the field and embarked in a most challenging sports afternoon while non-sportsmen

took their turn at "dunking" their favourite officer, CWO or MWO in the two dunk tanks provided. The obvious centre of attraction (other than the beer tent), the dunking event netted DM 560 which will be donated to the CFE LEME 50th Anniversary fund. Despite the blazing sun and the dust clouds, the 4 Svc Bn "B" team came out victorious and was presented the "LEME Cup" by BGen Fischer.

Weekend activities included a Mixed Dining-in on 1 June for the CFE LEME officers and their spouses during which BGen Fischer presented his views on the developments leading to the new badge. BGen Fischer's stay in CFE concluded with visits to various maint organizations in Lahr and an all ranks briefing, addressing his role as the Branch Advisor and the latest Branch matters.

LEME week 1991 was truly a memorable time for all EME personnel in CFE and will particularly be remembered for the rebadging ceremony which saw the return of the "Horse", which every LEME member now proudly wears.

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The Positive Feeling of Maint PL of 1 BN Royal 22ième Régiment

by WO J.J.A. André Jutras Veh Tech

"We have heard for a long time about the badge the old guys wore in their time. For me, it was but a dream to be able to wear one but today we can finally wear it and I'm proud of it."

I overheard this conversation between two young mechanics of the pl. And it is exactly the pride that we all feel at this moment.

As we all know, the 400 trades have had to change over the years to keep up to the ever changing land equipment that gets more and more sophisticated. The technicians have had to follow this evolution. Here, at 1st Bn Maint Pl, wether we talk about weapons sect, FCS sect, veh sect or the welder, there has been no

The technicians who work on the TUA of 1R22eR. From left to right: Cpl J.A. Morisseau FCS Tech, Cpl J.N.A. Witty Mat Tech, Cpl J.S. Lavoie and Cpl M.J.B. Hovington Veh Tech .

exception to the rule. All, especially the young ones, have had to work on these changes. The return of the old badge has created a bridge between the past and the present in the hearts of everyone.

The men now feel like an integral part of the Branch. "We always had the feeling that something was missing in order to feel like true Craftsman, " one FCS Sgt was heard to say. As to the ETQMS and the Ancilliary Pl WO who had worn this badge before it was changed in 1974, they were the happiest to return to their long lost one. As to the Maint O and the rest of the members of the pl, they have only seen photos of that badge. It is with great joy that they can finally wear the new badge since the ceremonies of 31 May 91.

Now it is up to the members of the Branch to meet the obligations of the traditional ability that is now ours.

With all the changes that are being announced in the Forces, our new identification will have a favourable sentimental impact. It will contribute to a higher morale which characterizes us and which will be necessary to overcome all future challenges. Wether we are with the Maint Pl of 1 Bn R22eR or elsewhere, it is with pride that we salute the return of the horse.

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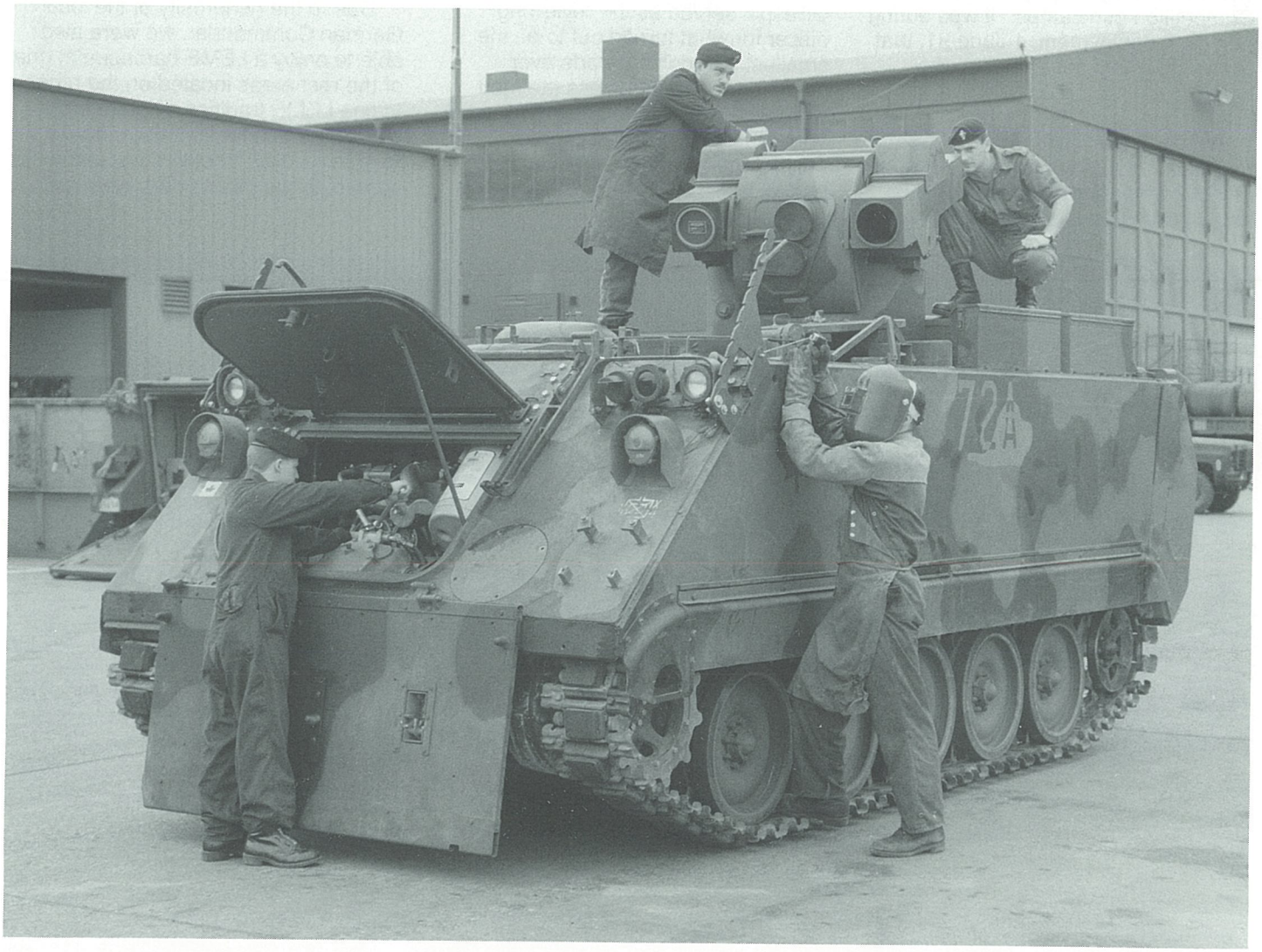

The different responsibilities of maint technicians of 1R22eR. From left to right: Cpl M.J.B. Hovington Veh Tech, Cpl J.A. Morisseau FCS Tech, Cpl J.N.A. Witty Mat Tech and Cpl J.S. Lavoie.

LEME Rebadges in Graffenwohr

by Capt. D. Bell

During the past eight months, there has been a select group of individuals from both 4 Svc Bn and the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) who have packed up their kit for at least two weeks each month and deployed in support of the 8CH Canadian Army Trophy (CAT) Competition gun camps. It was during one such deployment, 1 June 91, that we would finally get to "put up the horse".

Although there were only 18 LEME members total, we were determined to celebrate the day in fine fashion. To help us with this goal, LCol R.A. Gillespie, CO of 4 Svc Bn, and Maj I.C. Poulter, OC Maint Coy, agreed to endure a two hour Kiowa flight in order to attend the parade. This particular gun camp was located in Graffenwohr, an American training base located approximately 60 km East of Nurnberg.

Immediately upon arrival, LCol Gillespie served as the reviewing officer for what turned out to be the smallest rebadging parade ever assembled. Nevertheless the men were well turned out in their CAT crest adorned combats and eager to receive their long awaited new hat badge.

Following the parade, LCol Gillespie and Maj Poulter were given a briefing by the OC CAT squadron, Maj M.S. Holder. They then took a seat on top of the lead MBT and rode downrange on one of the many live battle runs practised while training for the upcoming NATO Tank Gunnery Competition.

Due to the generosity of the local German Commander, we were also able to enjoy a LEME barbecue at one of the rest areas located on the range. In fine LEME tradition all gathered to participate in a feast of thick steaks. In not so LEME tradition, no beer was served as the maintainers were still

LEME personnel await the rebadging ceremony in the field during 8CH Canadian Army Trophy (CAT) Competition.

required in the event a problem with one of the tanks should arise. However, in spite of this most unusual situation, a good time was had by all. That same evening we more than made up for the lack of refreshments at lunch by taking over the CAT mess and celebrated the day in a fine manner.

Although not present for the CFE parade and LEME sports day, there was no one in Graffenwohr on that fine morning who felt that they had been left out. As with all maintainers, we felt at home in the field and the unique location of our rebadging will be remembered for a long time.

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Capt Dean Bell is rebadged by the Reviewing Officer, LCol R.A. Gillespie, during the CAT rebadging parade 1 June 91.

Exercise Rebirth

by Capt. R. Paddon

On 1 June 91, EX REBIRTH was held at 12 (Vancouver) Svc Bn. This exercise had two objectives: rebadging of the Militia and RSS LEME personnel, and the conducting of the Fourth Annual Maint Coy dinner. Both the rebadging ceremony and parade were held at 12 Svc Bn, The Sherman Armouries, Richmond, B.C. Col G.A. Walsh, DLES, was the reviewing officer for the parade, and guest of honour for the dinner. BGen McDonald, Area Commander, Pacific MilArea; LCol J.D. Gemmel, CO, 12 Svc Bn; and Major C.J. Thorp, B Maint O, CFB Chilliwack were our special guests.

A total of 60 LEME pers were identified from the BC Lower Mainland and Interior units and invited to attend the parade and dinner. Factors such as callouts, courses, unit commitments, work and family always play an important part in the Militia ability to attend an exercise. EX REBIRTH was no different. A total of 40 LEME pers from Pacific MilArea HQ, 12 Svc Bn, Seaforth Highlander of Canada, Royal New Westminster Regt., 6 Fd Eng Sqn, 12 Med Coy, British Columbia Regt., 744 Comm Regt. and RSS attended this exercise.

The parade format consisted of an inspection, a march past with the old badge, a rebadging ceremony, a final march past with the new badge, and an advance in review order. The rebadging ceremony was symbolic in the fact that Col Walsh, as the Branch representative, presented the first badge to the youngest Craftsman, Pte J.G. Turnell. The second badge was presented to our oldest serving member , LCol Robinson, Honourary LCol 12 Svc Bn. Next the five officers and CWO M.L. Mah were called forward and rebadged. LCol Robinson and LCol K.G. Mortensen, SSO Log, PMA HQ (former CO 12 Svc Bn) then presented the new badges to the two platoons and the RSS.

LEME Association member LCol (Retd) Gordon Marrotte, LCol (Retd) Gordon Kirby, and Maj (Retd) Bill Royds supported the parade with the following assistance: respectively, Aide-de-Camp, Badge Escort Officer and Master of Ceremonies. The spectators for the parade included five main groups: 12 Svc Bn personnel; 12 Svc Bn Association members; LEME Association (Vancouver and Western Outpost Chapter) members; Sr NCM and Officers from Base EME Wksp, CFB Chilliwack, plus families and friends.

After the parade we retired to the WO and Sgt's Mess for a sample of recovery punch and to mingle with our large LEME family. A total of 73 LEME family members and friends were seated for dinner at 1800 hrs. The dinner utilized a mess dinner format but was informal due to the buffet-style service and the open seating arrangements (except for the head table). The concept of the open seating was used so that all the members of our LEME family, i.e. 1st and 2nd line Militia, Regular force and past serving members would have the opportunity to meet and develop that friendship and esprit de corps that has

always been part of the LEME Branch.

At dinner, awards were given. Pte(W) E.G. Guanzon was named Top Craftsman for the Trg year 90/91. Pte(W) Marshecio (Adm Clerk) was made an Honourary Maintainer in recognition for all the work she has done for Maint Coy. Several personnel who were unable to attend the parade were also given their new LEME badges.

In addition, during the night's festivities numerous gifts were presented. MWO F.M. Toebaert presented two large hand-engraved plaques (by Earl Hodges) of the RCEME 1952 badge and the LORE badge. Lt. Simeoni presented his 4X4 hand-painted sign of the new badge imposed on the Branch colours. Capt. R. Paddon presented a specially constructed Maint gavel made of MLVW torque rod ball stud fitted with an octagonal handle. Inlaid in the ball stud is the new collar dog. In addition it came with a maple striking board. CWO Tom Jones, CFB Chilliwack presented a collection of framed pictures depicting RCEME Craftsmen of all trades and RCEME Officers at work.

The overall feeling at dinner was of excitement and pride in our new Badge, the Branch and our history. With the support and participation of the present serving and past serving members of the LEME family, EXERCISE REBIRTH was a big success. I am certain that our future Annual Maint Coy dinners, and the celebrations for the RCEME 50th anniversary will be a great source of pride and involvement for our LEME family.

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On 3 June 91, at 1130 hrs, Canadian Contingent United Nations Iraq Kuwait Observer Mission, Canadian Engineer Maint Troop, consisting of 25 all ranks, rebadged in a brief ceremony at the Maint Troop Wksp. The ceremony was headed by the Maint O, Capt H.D. MacLean, and the ETQMS, WO R.O. Young. In addition, the following EME personnel participated in the rebadging (all personnel are 411 trade unless specified): Sgt F. Meijerink, Sgt C.A. Ruelle, MCpl D.L. Norman, Cpl E.C. Argus (421), Cpl J.F.G. Brohart, Cpl J.F.D.B. Campagna, Cpl J.D.B. Daigneault, Cpl P.C. Guy, Cpl T.J.M. Hussey, Cpl J.H.L. Lebuis, Cpl F.J. Litchfield (441), Cpl V.J. Morrick, Cpl D.B. Remus, Cpl J.H. Robidoux, Cpl T.E. Russell, Cpl G.A. Samson, Cpl J.F. Waldron, Cfn J.C. Koronko and Cfn J.M.A. Trudel.

Also in attendance was the troop LOMMIS Clerk, Pte R.S. Heinricks (831). Later on the same day Capt Mike Gallinger, meeting with UK LOGSPORME HQ based at Ab Jubayl, Saudi Arabia, dropped by and was provided with a new "horse".

As a final note, it should be a safe assumption that this was the last official rebadging by a formed unit and that it was the only DRY cebebration held.

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